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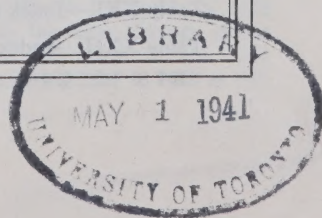


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PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES, 1940*

THE movement of prices as indicated by the official figures available for the various countries was in the main upward during the year continuing the advance which commenced with the outbreak of war. Wholesale prices declined somewhat in Canada and the United States during the first half of the year but more than recovered the loss in the second half. In Great Britain there was an increase of about 23 per cent during the year, in Switzerland 22 per cent, New Zealand 12 per cent, South Africa 7 per cent, Canada 3 per cent and in the United States one per cent. In retail prices and the cost of living the advance in Great Britain during the year was about 12 per cent, New Zealand 5 per cent, Canada 4 per cent and the United States about one per cent.

Movement of Retail Prices and Cost of Living in Canada During 1940

The following statement on the movement of the new official index number of the cost of living for Canada is from a bulletin recently issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, *Living Costs in Canada, 1940*.

"The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost of living index for Canada advanced from 103·8 for December, 1939, to 108·0 for December, 1940. This increase of 4 per cent was mainly concentrated in the latter half of the year when prices for clothing, home furnishings, foods, and coal showed appreciable advances.

"The December, 1940, living cost index was 7·1 per cent above the corresponding index for August, 1939, and materially above the minor peak of 102·9 recorded in November, 1937. However, it remained far below levels of 1929 and 1930 when annual average cost of living indexes were 121·7 and 120·8 respectively. Living costs in these years were representative of the period from 1922 to 1930.

"A Dominion index of retail food prices advanced 4·2 per cent during 1940. This movement occurred between June and December, following a slight decline in the first half of the year. The December, 1940, food price index of 109·1 compared with earlier indexes of 103·8 in June and 104·7 in December, 1939. Butter, eggs, and meats were mainly responsible for the rise in the food group. The autumn seasonal increase in egg prices was slightly

greater than in 1939, and December, 1940, butter prices were about 8 per cent above corresponding 1939 levels. Late summer advances in the retail price index for meats were partially cancelled by declines in the final three months, leaving the December, 1940, index for meats only 3·9 per cent above the corresponding December, 1939, index. One of the few important foods to record a net decline for 1940 was potatoes. A December, 1940, index for potatoes was 10·9 per cent lower than the December, 1939, figure.

"Higher prices for coal and coke carried the Dominion index for fuel and lighting up from 105·4 in December, 1939, to 108·5 in December, 1940. This group index was one of the few which was not substantially lower in 1940 than in 1929 and 1930.

"A Dominion index for rents of wage-earner family dwellings increased moderately from 104·4 at the end of 1939 to 107·7 at the end of 1940. Control of rentals in areas most affected by the war effort minimized variations in regional movements.

"Clothing price increases in 1940 were sharper than those in any other principal budget group, and the December, 1940, index of 113·5 for clothing was 9·9 per cent above the corresponding index for December, 1939. Men's clothing was more affected than other groups due to the greater importance of wool in its manufacture. The advance in footwear prices was less than 5 per cent.

"The broad group of home furnishings and services, including furniture, hardware, bedding, floor coverings, etc., advanced 6·3 per cent during 1940 which was a greater than average rise. Bedding and floor coverings recorded the sharpest increases in this group, but advances in other sections were fairly general.

"Miscellaneous living needs showed less change on the average, than other groups commented on above. The increase of less than one per cent in the miscellaneous index during 1940 was influenced by higher costs for tobacco."

Table I gives the new official index for Canada on the base average prices in the period 1935 to 1939 as 100 issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Monthly and annual figures are given for the six years 1935 to 1940 inclusive. Table II gives the index of the cost of living in Canada by years for the period 1913 to 1940. For the period 1913 to 1934 the former series, on the base average prices in 1926 as 100, was converted to the base average prices in the period 1935 to 1939 as 100.

* The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues reports on prices with comprehensive figures, as follows: weekly, Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices (Canada); monthly, Prices and Price Indexes (Canada); quarterly, Price Movements in other Countries; annually, Prices and Price Indexes (Canada and other countries).

TABLE I.—DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING IN CANADA
1935-1940

Average prices in 1935-1939=100

Month and Year	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Light Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings Index	Miscel- laneous Index	Total Index
1935							
January.....	92.2	93.7	102.9	97.9	95.0	98.9	95.6
February.....	93.7	93.7	102.9	97.9	95.1	98.9	96.1
March.....	93.5	93.7	102.8	97.9	95.0	98.9	96.0
April.....	92.7	93.7	102.9	97.9	95.0	98.9	95.8
May.....	92.5	93.7	99.3	97.9	95.1	98.9	95.5
June.....	92.5	93.7	98.8	97.8	95.1	98.9	95.4
July.....	93.5	93.7	98.8	97.8	95.0	98.7	95.7
August.....	94.5	93.7	99.6	97.8	95.0	98.7	96.1
September.....	95.6	93.7	100.7	97.4	96.1	98.7	96.5
October.....	97.2	95.0	100.7	97.4	96.1	98.5	97.2
November.....	98.7	95.0	101.5	97.4	96.6	98.5	97.6
December.....	98.7	95.0	101.5	97.3	96.6	98.5	97.8
Year.....	94.6	94.0	100.9	97.6	95.4	98.7	96.2
1936							
January.....	98.5	95.0	102.0	97.3	96.5	98.8	97.8
February.....	97.6	95.0	102.2	97.3	96.4	99.1	97.6
March.....	97.1	95.0	102.6	98.5	97.1	99.1	97.7
April.....	94.6	95.0	102.3	98.5	97.1	99.2	96.9
May.....	94.7	96.3	102.3	98.5	97.0	99.2	97.2
June.....	94.8	96.3	100.7	99.5	97.2	99.2	97.2
July.....	97.7	96.3	100.7	99.5	97.2	99.1	98.1
August.....	99.0	96.3	100.6	99.5	97.1	99.1	98.5
September.....	99.6	96.3	101.0	99.5	97.3	99.1	98.7
October.....	99.5	97.2	101.2	99.5	97.3	99.0	98.9
November.....	100.1	97.2	101.4	99.5	97.3	99.0	99.1
December.....	100.0	97.2	101.4	100.0	98.5	99.1	99.2
Year.....	97.8	96.1	101.5	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937							
January.....	100.3	97.2	99.9	100.0	98.9	99.6	99.4
February.....	100.4	97.2	100.0	100.0	98.8	99.8	99.4
March.....	99.9	97.2	99.9	100.4	100.4	99.8	99.5
April.....	100.6	97.2	99.9	100.4	100.5	99.9	99.7
May.....	101.4	100.3	99.4	100.4	100.5	99.9	100.5
June.....	101.8	100.3	97.3	101.6	102.1	100.0	100.8
July.....	103.7	100.3	97.2	101.6	102.1	100.3	101.5
August.....	105.6	100.3	97.9	101.6	102.1	100.3	102.1
September.....	105.7	100.3	97.9	101.8	103.1	100.3	102.3
October.....	106.5	102.1	98.7	101.8	103.1	100.3	102.9
November.....	106.4	102.1	99.0	101.8	103.0	100.3	102.9
December.....	105.6	102.1	99.6	101.8	103.0	100.2	102.6
Year.....	103.2	99.7	98.9	101.4	101.5	100.1	101.2
1938							
January.....	104.4	102.1	98.1	101.8	103.1	101.2	102.4
February.....	103.9	102.1	98.1	101.8	103.1	101.2	102.3
March.....	105.7	102.1	98.4	101.3	102.9	101.2	102.8
April.....	105.9	102.1	98.4	101.3	102.8	101.2	102.8
May.....	103.6	103.8	97.9	101.3	102.8	101.2	102.4
June.....	104.1	103.8	96.8	101.3	102.3	101.2	102.4
July.....	104.7	103.8	96.7	101.3	102.3	101.2	102.6
August.....	106.2	103.8	96.9	101.3	102.3	101.3	103.1
September.....	103.1	103.8	97.1	100.8	101.9	101.3	102.1
October.....	102.0	103.4	97.6	100.8	101.9	101.2	101.7
November.....	101.5	103.4	98.0	100.8	101.9	101.2	101.5
December.....	100.5	103.4	98.0	100.2	101.7	101.2	101.1
Year.....	103.8	103.1	97.7	100.9	102.4	101.2	102.2
1939							
January.....	99.9	103.4	101.0	100.2	101.7	101.1	101.1
February.....	98.7	103.4	101.0	100.2	101.7	101.1	100.7
March.....	98.5	103.4	100.4	99.9	101.2	101.1	100.6
April.....	98.3	103.4	100.4	99.9	101.1	101.4	100.6
May.....	98.2	103.8	100.2	99.9	101.1	101.4	100.6
June.....	98.1	103.8	99.8	100.1	101.0	101.3	100.5
July.....	99.0	103.8	99.3	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.8
August.....	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.8
September.....	99.4	103.8	98.9	99.6	100.8	101.3	100.8
October.....	106.3	104.4	104.4	99.6	101.0	101.7	103.5
November.....	107.1	104.4	105.3	99.6	101.0	101.9	103.8
December.....	104.7	104.4	105.4	103.3	104.1	102.0	103.8
Year.....	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.5
1940							
January.....	104.5	104.4	105.5	103.3	104.3	101.8	103.8
February.....	104.5	104.4	105.8	103.3	104.3	101.9	103.8
March.....	104.8	104.4	105.7	107.8	105.9	101.9	104.6
April.....	104.8	104.4	105.9	107.8	106.1	101.8	104.6
May.....	104.4	106.9	106.1	107.8	106.2	101.8	104.9
June.....	103.8	106.9	106.0	109.1	106.5	101.8	104.9
July.....	105.3	106.9	107.9	109.1	106.9	102.2	105.6
August.....	105.4	106.9	108.4	109.1	106.9	103.0	105.9
September.....	105.4	106.9	108.5	112.4	108.9	102.8	106.4
October.....	106.1	107.7	108.0	113.5	109.7	102.8	107.0
November.....	108.7	107.7	108.5	113.5	110.0	102.8	107.8
December.....	109.1	107.7	108.5	113.5	110.7	102.8	108.0
Year.....	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	105.6

For the period 1913 to 1934 the former series on the base 1926=100 was converted to the base 1935-1939=100. See table II for the figures by years 1913-1940.

TABLE II.—DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS INDEX NUMBERS OF THE COST OF LIVING IN CANADA 1913-1940

Average prices in 1935-1939=100

	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Home Furnishings	Miscel- laneous	Total
1913.....	88.3	74.3	76.9	88.0	70.3		79.7
1914.....	91.9	72.1	75.4	88.9	70.3		80.0
1915.....	92.7	69.9	73.8	96.8	70.9		81.6
1916.....	103.3	70.6	75.4	110.8	74.5		88.3
1917.....	133.3	75.8	83.8	130.3	81.5		104.5
1918.....	152.8	80.2	92.2	152.3	91.4		118.3
1919.....	163.3	87.6	100.7	175.1	101.2		130.0
1920.....	188.1	100.2	119.9	213.1	110.3		150.5
1921.....	143.9	109.2	127.6	123.4	112.5		132.5
1922.....	121.9	113.7	122.2	147.0	112.5		121.3
1923.....	122.8	116.6	122.2	145.1	111.7		121.7
1924.....	120.9	117.4	119.2	141.7	109.6		119.5
1925.....	126.3	117.4	116.8	141.3	107.5		120.6
1926.....	133.3	115.9	116.8	139.1	106.1		121.8
1927.....	130.8	114.5	114.4	135.6	105.1		119.9
1928.....	131.5	117.3	113.2	135.5	104.8		120.5
1929.....	134.7	119.7	112.6	134.8	105.0		121.7
1930.....	131.5	122.7	111.8	130.6	105.4		120.8
1931.....	103.1	119.4	110.0	114.3	103.3		109.1
1932.....	85.7	109.7	106.8	100.6	100.4		99.0
1933.....	84.9	98.6	102.5	93.3	98.2		94.4
1934.....	92.7	93.2	102.1	97.1	97.8		95.6
1935.....	94.6	94.0	100.9	97.6	95.4	98.7	96.2
1936.....	97.8	96.1	101.5	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937.....	103.2	99.7	98.9	101.4	101.5	100.1	101.2
1938.....	103.8	103.1	97.7	100.9	102.4	101.1	102.2
1939.....	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.5
1940.....	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	105.6

For the period 1913 to 1934 the former series on the base 1926=100 was converted to the base 1935-1939=100.

Retail Commodity Prices

The retail price of beef averaged higher in 1940 than in the previous year. The price of sirloin steak in December, 1940, was 29.9 cents per pound as compared with 27.6 in December, 1939. The marketing of cattle was at a higher level than in the preceding year and prices also were considerably higher. The marketing of hogs was much higher in 1940 than in the previous year and the prices were somewhat lower. Exports of bacon to Great Britain were increased in 1940 over those for 1939 and a further increase was indicated as a result of a new agreement reached in October, 1940, though the prices agreed upon were lower. The retail price of fresh leg of pork averaged 23.2 cents per pound for 1940 and 23.7 cents for 1939. The price of breakfast bacon was 29.6 cents per pound and 30.6 cents respectively for the same years. Lard declined gradually during the year from 26 cents in December, 1939, to 21 cents at the end of 1940.

Egg prices were considerably higher in November and December, 1940, than for the same period in 1939 but differences were not great in the other months. Shipments to Great Britain were in greater volume than in the preceding year. The price of milk was unchanged from January to October at an average price of 11 cents per quart but increased fractionally in November when increases were reported from several cities.

The production of creamery butter during 1940 was somewhat less than in the preceding

year and with the increased consumption stocks in storage at the beginning of 1941 were about 20 per cent lower than at the beginning of 1940. The price at the beginning of December, 1940, was 34.9 cents per pound as compared with 26.4 cents in July, 32.7 cents for December, 1939, and 26.1 cents in July, 1939. By an order of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board effective December 27 (LABOUR GAZETTE, January, 1941, page 5) the maximum wholesale price of butter of any quality or grade was fixed at the wholesale price prevailing in each locality for that quality or grade on December 12. The maximum price was expected to apply until toward the end of the winter season when the situation would be reviewed.

The price of cheese was at a relatively low level before the outbreak of war at 21.5 cents per pound at the beginning of August and September, 1939. By March, 1940, the price had risen to 26.5 cents since when there was a gradual decline to 23.4 cents in December. Exports to Great Britain were in greater volume and production increased considerably over that for 1939.

The price of bread was unchanged in the average from March to December, 1940, following a slight advance at the beginning of the year from an average of 6.5 cents per pound during the last seven months of 1939. The price of flour changed little during the year at prices slightly higher than in the autumn of 1939. The average for 1940 was 3.5 cents per pound as compared with 3.1 cents in 1939.

When an increase in bread prices was threatened following the imposition of a processing tax on wheat of 15 cents per bushel equivalent to 70 cents per barrel of flour for domestic consumption the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, effective August 7, ordered "that the maximum prices of flour and bread would be in the case of bread the prices prevailing on July 23, prior to the imposition of the tax and in the case of flour the prices of that date plus 35 cents per barrel." (LABOUR GAZETTE, August, 1940, page 756.) The order, in the nature of a standstill order to protect the consumers while the effect of the tax was being studied, was rescinded on September 6 (LABOUR GAZETTE, September, 1940, page 889) when after investigation the Board found that the average profits indicated from milling flour for domestic consumption were less than the amount of the levy imposed by the order. As the price of the flour with the tax included was no higher than during the first four months of the year the Board could see no justification on that account for an increase in the price of bread.

The only change during the year in the price of sugar was an advance in the Dominion average from 7.1 cents per pound to 7.5 cents after May 1 following an advance of 35 cents per 100 pounds in the wholesale price due to an increase in the basic price paid to producers through the Canadian Sugar Administrator and the United Kingdom Sugar Controller.

The 1940 potato crop was reported to be about 12 per cent greater than in 1939 when the total was somewhat below normal. Some decline in prices was recorded in the autumn of 1940 when the new crop was marketed. The Dominion average price in December, 1940, was \$1.40 per 100 pounds as compared

with \$1.90 to \$1.95 from March to June and \$1.64 in December, 1939.

The price of United States anthracite coal advanced from an average price of \$14.07 per ton at the outbreak of war to \$14.90 by December, 1939. Little change in the average was recorded during the first five months of 1940. By the beginning of July the price had advanced to \$15.50 per ton and by December was \$15.76. Factors in the advance since the outbreak of war were the premium on United States funds, higher prices at the mines and the war exchange tax of 10 per cent on imports from non-empire countries. The price of coke rose from \$12.18 per ton in the average for January to \$12.73 for December.

Rent for workmen's houses rose in a number of localities particularly those into which there was a movement of people due to increased military, industrial, or other activity arising chiefly out of the war. The powers of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board were extended by an Order in Council dated September 11, to include control over rentals (LABOUR GAZETTE, September, 1940, page 889). The Board was empowered to fix maximum rentals and to appoint local committees in designated areas to investigate and adjudicate upon local complaints as to housing and rentals. On September 24 the Board ordered that rental rates in effect in certain designated areas on January 2, 1940, be maximum, (LABOUR GAZETTE, October, 1940, page 995). This order affecting 15 localities on October 1 was extended later to six additional areas. The localities in the list for which rental figures are published in the LABOUR GAZETTE affected by the original order are, Sydney, New Glasgow, Halifax, Thetford Mines, Ottawa, Kingston, Windsor, Brandon, Vancouver, Victoria and by later order New Westminster, Nanaimo and Prince Rupert.

Cost of Living Index for Canada

In September, 1940, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics commenced publication of a new official index number of the cost of living for Canada on the base of average prices in the period 1935 to 1939 as 100 in a bulletin "An Official Cost of Living Index for Canada". A short description of the index with summary tables was published in the LABOUR GAZETTE for October, 1940, in a special article. Publication of the new index has been continued each month since. The figures as to the weighting system are now available in detail.

This index constructed by the Bureau in consultation with the Department of Labour and the Wartime Prices and Trade Board replaces that on the base of prices in 1926 as 100 formerly published by the Bureau and

that published by the Department of Labour on the base 1913 as 100.

The latter index based to some extent on the weekly cost of a list of staple foods, fuel, and rent entering into a family budget for which figures were published since 1911, was constructed to represent approximately the changes in all items including clothing and sundries, as well as food, fuel and rent, pending a cost of living survey from the results of which a complete system of weighting could be made. It was designed to show changes in the cost of living for workmen. The cost of living index of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, on the base of prices in 1926 as 100, was to measure the general movement of retail prices and the cost of living in the Dominion as a whole and for comparison with

other general index numbers such as the index for wholesale prices.

The cost of living survey forming the basis of the new index number covered the expenditure of 1,439 families of wage earners and low salaried workers with earnings between \$450 and \$2,500 in the year ended September, 1938, except in the case of foods for which group, the budget quantities were computed from weekly records of expenditure secured at certain times in 1938 and 1939. A survey of this kind had been urged upon the Government by labour and other organizations and was in conformity with a recommendation of the Conference of British Commonwealth Statisticians, held at Ottawa in 1935, that surveys should be made in each country of the Commonwealth where a cost of living enquiry had not been conducted in recent years. This action was also in accordance with a resolution of a Conference of Official Labour Statisticians called by the International Labour Office at Geneva in 1925.

The new index number is constructed by calculating the cost in terms of the prices at the beginning of each month of a list of commodities and services using quantities for each item proportionate to the average annual consumption per family ascertained in the cost of living survey. For each group of commodities the list includes a number of representative staple articles in common use for which reliable and comparative prices can be obtained regularly. Goods which are not available every month cannot be included in a calculation designed to show monthly changes, and some lines of seasonal goods, especially in fruits and vegetables, are therefore necessarily excluded. The list used must, therefore, in as far as is possible, include articles which show at least the general trend of the prices of the goods not included. It is comparatively easy to construct a budget of family expenditure representing all varieties of goods available at any particular date or season in the year and to compare the cost with that on the same date in a previous year but such an extensive budget, including seasonal goods, cannot be made comparable from month to month or even at quarterly or half-yearly intervals.

Procedure in Establishing Index Budget

The following paragraphs as to the purpose of the index and the procedure adopted in establishing the budget used as a basis for its calculation are from a bulletin issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics *Living Costs in Canada, 1940*.

"This new index of living costs has been designed to provide an official record of movements in the general cost of living of urban

wage-earner families in Canada. The budget upon which it is based remains unchanged from month to month and year to year, taking no account of fluctuations in income levels due to changes in wages and direct taxation. However, it reflects movements in sales taxes which affect the cost of items in the budget. It is the purpose of the index to measure changes in the cost of maintaining a constant budget over a considerable period of time.

"The cost of living index budget has been established from expenditure records secured especially for this purpose in 1938. The Bureau made every effort to ensure that the family expenditure records collected in 1938 came from families which were typical. Before the records were obtained a careful study of 1931 census data was made to discover the main characteristics of typical urban families. The results of that study led the Bureau to concentrate upon securing expenditure records from families satisfying the following conditions:

1. Husband and wife living in the home as joint heads, with from one to five children.
2. Self-supporting during the survey year, with family earnings ranging from \$450 to \$2,500 during that period.
3. Living in self-contained dwelling units, not sharing either kitchen or bathroom facilities with other families.

"A special preliminary canvass of 12 cities chosen for the 1938 survey was made to locate families meeting the above requirements. Approximately 50,000 homes were visited in this preliminary stage of the survey, and from the returns sent in by the field staff, the Bureau sorted out the families which were satisfactory according to the criteria noted above. From this list a random group of families was approached for complete annual records of income and expenditure. Each family provided a detailed account of expenditures in the year ending September, 1938, and in addition kept a journal of individual food purchases in three separate weeks, the first in October—November, 1938, the second in February, 1939, and the final one in June, 1939. The food index budget quantities were computed from these weekly records. The cities included in the 1938 survey were Charlottetown, Halifax, Saint John, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, London, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton, and Vancouver.

"The 1,439 families for which records were collected, averaged 4.6 persons, and the majority had two or three children. Family earnings in many cases were supplemented by other small sources of income, and total family incomes between \$1,200 and \$1,600 were the most common. There were approximately two

tenant families to every home-owning family, and about one family in three operated a motor car. The general distribution of living expenditures for these families which represented all the principal racial groups in Canada was as follows:

URBAN WAGE-EARNER FAMILY ANNUAL LIVING EXPENDITURES
(Year ending September 30, 1938)

Budget Group	Expenditure Averages	Percentage Distribution
	\$	
Food.....	443.0	31.3
Shelter.....	269.5	19.1
Fuel and Light.....	90.5	6.4
Clothing.....	165.8	11.7
Home Furnishings.....	125.7	8.9
Miscellaneous.....	319.4	22.6
Health.....	60.8	4.3
Personal Care.....	23.9	1.7
Transportation.....	79.3	5.6
Recreation.....	82.1	5.8
Life Insurance.....	73.3	5.2
Total.....	1,413.9*	100.0

* Directly represented in the index. Other miscellaneous outlay brought total family living expenditure to \$1,453.8.

"In selecting a new period to replace 1926, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics had to consider many types of indexes other than those for prices. Employment, industrial production, and car loadings were some of the series involved, and it was difficult to find a recent 12-month period which would provide a generally satisfactory reference level. For both prices and industrial production the years 1935-9 offered a period of rise and fall which tended to minimize differences in the base levels of various series relative to earlier periods. Although prices in the last four months of 1939 were affected by the outbreak of war, neither prices nor industrial activity reacted sufficiently in that interval to affect a five-year average materially. The years 1935-9 provide a base which is representative of pre-war conditions, and at the same time give a reference level for comparison with average conditions obtaining subsequent to recovery from the depression from 1929 to 1933. The 1935-1939 period had previously been selected by the United States Central Statistical Board for the calculation of revised index numbers for the United States.

Composition and Construction of Group Indexes

The index for the food group is calculated from the prices of 46 items secured in reports for the beginning of each month from about 1,600 grocers and butchers in 69 cities, both chain and independent stores being represented. The Dominion average price for each of the 46 items is multiplied by its appropriate quan-

tity as shown by the survey and the aggregate of these products is divided by the corresponding aggregate for the base period.

It is stated that there are two tenant wage-earner families for each home-owning wage-earner family and the index is made on the assumption that housing costs generally are reflected in rental trends. Enquiries of rental agents are made in May and October in 61 cities as to the rates for workmen's dwellings, houses, flats and apartments. An index for each of these three types of dwellings is made and these are combined in the proportion of 70 for houses, 15 for flats and 15 for apartments to give the group index. These proportions of course would vary from city to city. For example in Montreal flats are more numerous than other types of dwelling and in Toronto houses are the predominant type.

The index for the fuel and the light group is calculated similarly to that for rent, from data secured each month, an index being made for each of three types of fuel, coal, coke and gas as well as for electricity. Wood is not included, tests computing fuel indexes with and without wood showed only slight differences even though it is an important fuel in some localities. Account is taken of the different kinds of coal in different areas, the Maritime Provinces burning chiefly Nova Scotia coal, Quebec and Ontario mainly British and United States anthracite, the Prairie Provinces mainly Alberta coal and British Columbia its own bituminous coal. Account is also taken of the amount of each of the fuels and electricity which is typical of consumption in each area. The index for coal is made from data from 58 cities; the coke index from 26 cities in Ontario and Quebec; the gas index 16 cities in all parts of the Dominion; and the index for electricity includes data from 109 urban communities in Canada. The indexes for each of the four items are combined to produce the index for the group by giving coal a weight of 42 per cent, coke 11 per cent, gas 14 per cent and electricity 33 per cent.

In the clothing index there are 31 items of men's and women's wear as well as piece goods selected to reflect changes in clothing prices and to represent the basic materials used in clothing in about the same proportions as they would appear in a complete clothing budget. Some of the items chosen form only a small part of a complete clothing budget but are useful in measuring the trend of clothing prices because of their standard manufacture. Some items of considerable importance are omitted such as children's clothing and certain items of adult wear owing to difficulties of securing continuity in prices due to changes in quality and style. The Bureau has reduced its clothing list, having ascertained by tests

TABLE III.—WEIGHTS USED TO CALCULATE DOMINION COST OF LIVING INDEX

	Commodity Weights	Sub- group Weight	Group Weight
A. FOOD	Weekly Quantities	..	31
1. Chain Stores		1	..
2. Independent Stores		2	..
<i>Dairy Products</i>			
Milk	10.5 qts.	..	..
Butter	2.8 lbs..	..	..
Cheese	0.4 "	..	..
Eggs	1.4 doz.	..	..
<i>Meats and Fish</i>			
Sirloin Steak	0.5 lbs.	..	..
Round Steak	0.9 "	..	..
Rolled Rib Roast	0.7 "	..	..
Blade Roast	1.1 "	..	..
Stewing Beef	1.0 "	..	..
Veal	1.0 "	..	..
Lamb	0.5 "	..	..
Pork, fresh loins	1.5 "	..	..
Pork, fresh shoulder	1.0 "	..	..
Bacon	0.7 "	..	..
Canned Salmon, lb. tin	0.2 tins	..	..
Finnan Haddie	0.1 lbs.	..	..
Vegetable Shortening	0.8 "	..	..
Lard	0.2 "	..	..
<i>Cereals</i>			
Bread	12.1 "	..	..
Flour	2.9 "	..	..
Rice	0.3 "	..	..
Rolled Oats	0.5 "	..	..
Corn Flakes, 8 oz. pk.	1.3 pkgs.	..	..
<i>Dry Groceries</i>			
Granulated Sugar	4.2 lbs.	..	..
Yellow Sugar	0.6 "	..	..
Tea	0.4 "	..	..
Coffee	0.2 "	..	..
Cocoa, $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb. tin	0.2 tins	..	..
Salt	0.5 lbs.	..	..
<i>Vegetables</i>			
Beans	0.2 "	..	..
Onions	0.8 "	..	..
Potatoes	0.8 pks.	..	..
Canned Tomatoes, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.	0.6 tins	..	..
Canned Peas, 16 oz.	0.7 "	..	..
Canned Corn, 16 oz.	0.4 "	..	..
Canned Beans, 16 oz.	0.5 "	..	..
<i>Fruits</i>			
Raisins	0.2 lbs.	..	..
Currants	0.1 "	..	..
Prunes	0.1 "	..	..
Strawberry Jam	0.6 "	..	..
Marmalade	0.1 "	..	..
Canned Peaches, 16 oz.	0.2 tins	..	..
Corn Syrup, 5-lb. tin	0.04 "	..	..
Bananas	1.2 lbs.	..	..
Lemons	0.1 doz.	..	..
Oranges	0.7 "	..	..
B. RENTALS			19
Houses		70	..
Flats		15	..
Apartments		15	..
C. FUEL AND LIGHT			6
Coal		42	..
Coke		11	..
Gas		14	..
Electricity		33	..

TABLE III.—WEIGHTS USED TO CALCULATE DOMINION COST OF LIVING INDEX—
Continued

	Commodity Weights	Sub- group Weight	Group Weight
	Annual replacement allowances		
D. CLOTHING			12
<i>Men's Wear</i>		41	
Top Coats	0.4		
Suits	0.8		
Sweaters	0.4		
Overalls	1.0 prs.		
Socks	9.0 "		
Underwear, Athletic	1.5 set		
Balbriggan Combinations	1.0 "		
Underwear, Winter	1.0 "		
Pajamas	1.0 pr.		
Shirts, work	1.0		
Shirts, broadcloth	2.5		
<i>Women's Wear</i>		36	
Top Coats	0.5		
House Dress	1.5		
Slips, rayon	2.5		
Hosiery, silk	10.0 prs.		
Hosiery, woollen	3.0 "		
Vests, rayon	1.0		
Bloomers, rayon	4.0 prs.		
Bloomers, wool	1.0 "		
Nightgown, cotton	0.7		
Nightgown, rayon	1.6		
Smock	0.2		
<i>Piece Goods</i>		4	
Cotton Dress Print	3.0 yds.		
Wool	0.3 "		
Flannel	0.2 "		
Celanese or Rayon Material	0.7 "		
Flannelette	2.0 "		
<i>Footwear</i>		19	
Men's Work Boots	2.0 prs.		
Men's Oxfords	0.7 "		
Men's Rubbers	3.5 "		
Women's Shoes	2.0 "		
E. HOUSE FURNISHINGS AND SERVICES			9
<i>Furniture</i>		33	
Dining Room Suite, 9 pc.	0.06 sets		
Bedroom Suite, 4 or 5 pc.	0.06 "		
Kitchen Table	0.08		
Kitchen Chairs	0.20		
Studio Couch	0.08		
Bed Springs	0.05		
Mattress	0.16		
<i>Floor Coverings</i>		9	
Axminster Rug, 9' x 12'	0.04		
Congoleum Rug, 9' x 12'	0.15		
Linoleum	1.70 sq. yds.		
<i>Furnishings</i>		15	
Sheets, 81" x 100"	1.0		
Towels, cotton terry, 22" x 44"	3.0		
Blankets, all wool, 6-8 lbs., 72" x 90"	0.5		
Table Oil Cloths	0.4 yds.		
<i>Hardware</i>		3	
Frying pan, steel, No. 9	0.2		
Frying pan, iron	0.1		
Saucepan, aluminum, 2-3 qts.	0.25		
Saucepan, enamel, 2-3 qts.	0.25		
Garbage can, galvanized, 15 x 17	0.25		
Kitchen Broom	1.0		
<i>Dishes and Glassware</i>		2	
Set of Dishes	0.1		
Glass Tumblers	2.0		
<i>Cleaning Supplies</i>		17	
Laundry Soap	24 bars		
Lux (inc. other flakes)	24 pkgs.		
Dutch Cleanser	9 cartons		
Chloride of Lime	2 pkgs.		
<i>Laundry</i>		6	
Sheets	Geometric average		
Towels			
Men's Shirts			
<i>Telephones</i>		15	

TABLE III.—WEIGHTS USED TO CALCULATE DOMINION COST OF LIVING INDEX—
Concluded

	Commodity Weights	Per Cent	Sub- group Weight	Group Weight
F. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS				23
1. Health			17	..
	Annual replacement allowances			
(a) <i>Medicines</i>		23	..	..
Aspirin Tablets, box of 12	1.3			
Epsom Salts, 1 pound	0.7			
Boracic Acid, 2 oz.	0.3			
Tincture of Iodine, 1 oz.	0.7			
Zinc Ointment, 1 oz.	0.7			
Scott's Emulsion, large bottle	1.3			
(b) <i>Hospital Charges</i>		17	..	..
Semi-private Room	1	..	..	..
Public Ward Bed	1	..	..	..
(c) <i>Doctors' Fees</i>		42	..	..
Office Consultation	Geometric average	..	..	..
Ordinary Day Visit .....		..	..	..
Ordinary Confinement .....		..	..	..
(d) <i>Dentists' Fees</i>		18	..	..
Amalgam Filling	Geometric average	..	..	..
Porcelain Filling .....		..	..	..
Gold filling .....		..	..	..
Upper and Lower Dentures .....		..	..	..
Ordinary Extraction .....		..	..	..
Prophylaxis .....		..	..	..
2. Personal Care			9	..
	Annual replacement allowances			
(a) <i>Personal Cleaning Supplies</i>		58	..	..
Talcum, tins	1.3			
Tooth Paste, tubes	21.7			
Tooth Brush	8.7			
Shaving Stick	2.2			
Toilet Soap, bars	52.2			
Vaseline, jar	1.3			
Razor Blades, packages of 5	13.1			
(b) <i>Barbers' Fees</i>		42	..	..
Haircut (Men's)	Geometric average	..	..	..
Shave .....		..	..	..
3. Transportation			26	..
(a) <i>Motor Operating Costs</i>		67	..	..
Gasoline	42			
Tires and Tubes	6			
Repairs and Maintenance	9			
Licences	8			
Depreciation	35			
(b) <i>Rail Fares</i>		4	..	..
(c) <i>Street Car Fares</i>		29	..	..
4. Recreation			26	..
(a) Theatre Admissions		23	..	..
(b) Newspaper Costs		22	..	..
(c) Magazine Costs		4	..	..
(d) Tobacco Costs		51	..	..
Cigars	Geometric average	..	..	..
Cigarettes .....		..	..	..
Cut Tobacco .....		..	..	..
5. Life Insurance			22	..

that 31 accurate price series will measure the trend of clothing prices better than a large list including items which fluctuate widely in price due to style and seasonal factors. There are four sub-groups and an index is made for each from the sum of the products obtained by multiplying the current price average for each item by its budget quantity and dividing this sum by the corresponding aggregate for the base period. These sub-groups are com-

bined in the proportion of 41 per cent for men's wear, 36 per cent for women's wear, 4 per cent for piece goods and 19 per cent for footwear to give the index for the group. Clothing prices are secured monthly chiefly from department stores in eleven cities.

The home furnishings and services group is made up of eight sub-groups including laundry and telephone services with six sub-groups of home furnishing items. The prices of the

home furnishings items are secured monthly mainly from department stores in eleven cities. Laundry and telephone rates are secured from 23 cities the former annually and the latter monthly. A comparatively small number of carefully selected furnishing items is included in the index which adequately represent the entire group. The method of calculating the index is similar to that for clothing.

Five sub-groups, health maintenance, personal care, transportation, recreation and life insurance are included in the miscellaneous group. Certain other items of expenditure such as church contributions, bank savings, charity, etc. are not represented but in the 1938 survey these amounted to only about three per cent of the average wage-earner family living expenditure. Statistics for most of the items in the group are collected from 23 of the larger cities chosen to give adequate regional representation. In view of the stability of fees for doctors, dentists and hospitals these records are collected only at annual intervals and medical supplies quarterly.

Table III gives the items in detail used in the index together with the weights. The following paragraph as to the weighting system is from the report issued by the Bureau:

"There are two stages in the calculation of each of the six principal group indexes from which the composite number is calculated. In the first stage, the general procedure is to multiply current price averages by budget quantities. These products are added together and the resultant aggregate divided by a corresponding base period aggregate. The resultant number is multiplied by 100.0 to secure a sub-group index for the current period. This index is then multiplied by a sub-group weight indicative of the cost of goods in this sub-group relative to all goods in the group. When all sub-groups have been weighted similarly, the group index is found by adding up this second set of products and dividing by 100.0. This routine is repeated to secure the final composite cost of living index. The second and third stages of weighing are made necessary by the fact that it is not feasible to include all items in the family budget."

Food Index Numbers for Certain Cities in Canada

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has recently issued a bulletin *City Index Numbers of Retail Food Prices 1935 to 1940* and these are given in the accompanying table IIIA. The list of foods used in the calculation is the same for all cities being that used in the calculation of the index for the food group for the Dominion as a whole. The quantities of the various foods shown in Table IIIB, vary from city to city reflecting differences

in the purchases of wage-earner families in each of the eight cities as shown by the cost of living survey 1938 and 1939. Complete cost of living indexes for each of these cities will be published when available.

Wholesale Prices in Canada, 1940

The accompanying table IV gives the wholesale prices of certain important commodities, while tables V, VI, and VII show the index number of wholesale prices in Canada calculated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the commodities being arranged according to "chief component materials" in table V, "purpose" in table VI and "origin" in table VII.

This index moved within relatively narrow limits during 1940 the low point being 81.6 reached in June and the high 84.2 reached in December. The upward movement following the outbreak of war in September, 1939, was continued during the first quarter of 1940 but by June, 1940, the index had declined to about the same level as in December, 1939. From June to the end of the year the index advanced month by month being about three per cent higher in December, 1940, than in December, 1939, and about sixteen per cent higher than in August, 1939. The advance in the index following the opening of hostilities was due mainly to increases in the prices of a few commodities namely; grains, milled products, sugar, butter, cheese, fresh meats, textiles, pulp, newsprint, non-ferrous metals, scrap iron and steel and the subsequent decline was most pronounced in the prices of certain farm products mainly grains, milled products, hides, butter and cheese. The increase since June, 1940, was due mainly to higher prices for live stock, hides, butter, eggs, raw textiles, lumber, raw rubber, and paint materials. Raw and partly manufactured goods advanced 2.7 per cent during the year and 21.3 per cent since August, 1939. Fully and chiefly manufactured goods advanced 2.6 per cent and 14.3 per cent in the same comparison. In the classification according to chief component materials, increases ranged from 3.1 per cent for the Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products Group to 7.3 per cent for the Wood, Wood Products and Paper Group. The Vegetable Products group was the only group to decline being down 1.7 per cent. In a bulletin, *Price Movements in 1940*, issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, it was stated that the increase during the year reflected new taxation on imports for non-war purposes, and a processing tax of 15 cents per bushel on wheat milled for domestic consumption while "in addition an 11 per cent exchange premium had obtained on all import settlements in terms of New York funds or related currencies since September, 1939."

TABLE IIIA.—DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL FOOD PRICES FOR EIGHT CITIES IN CANADA, 1935-1940

Average prices in 1935-1939=100

	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
1935								
January.....	98.7	91.7	91.4	93.7	92.4	93.3	95.1	87.8
February.....	96.4	92.1	92.3	92.8	95.0	95.1	96.4	91.8
March.....	98.0	92.7	93.3	94.6	95.4	96.6	96.0	91.2
April.....	93.9	91.5	90.7	93.1	94.0	92.6	94.7	93.2
May.....	94.1	89.4	90.6	93.6	94.6	93.3	94.2	93.1
June.....	95.0	90.3	91.7	93.2	94.6	92.4	94.9	92.6
July.....	94.4	89.9	92.7	93.4	95.0	91.4	95.4	93.1
August.....	97.2	91.1	92.0	93.5	94.4	94.0	96.8	92.6
September.....	97.2	96.2	92.1	94.9	94.8	91.3	95.5	95.1
October.....	99.1	96.5	95.3	97.2	94.5	93.0	96.3	94.9
November.....	101.9	99.7	96.9	97.8	95.6	94.4	99.0	95.8
December.....	101.3	101.2	97.7	99.5	98.9	97.0	101.5	98.5
Year.....	97.3	94.0	93.1	94.9	94.9	93.7	96.3	93.5
1936								
January.....	101.1	101.7	99.1	100.2	97.9	96.8	99.1	96.6
February.....	99.2	99.4	97.7	97.2	96.6	95.5	97.0	94.1
March.....	99.4	98.9	97.4	97.8	97.6	100.5	101.5	97.3
April.....	95.9	97.0	93.7	94.9	93.0	92.0	94.4	93.2
May.....	94.9	97.1	94.2	94.8	93.7	91.0	93.5	94.2
June.....	95.6	97.4	95.8	95.3	91.2	89.8	93.2	94.3
July.....	96.4	98.8	97.1	96.8	93.6	91.9	94.7	97.5
August.....	97.9	98.2	96.8	101.0	98.1	95.0	95.6	97.0
September.....	97.3	97.0	96.9	100.8	100.6	97.2	97.2	101.9
October.....	98.0	98.1	98.1	98.3	97.1	94.7	97.2	100.7
November.....	100.8	100.7	99.6	100.5	98.7	96.5	100.7	100.2
December.....	101.6	103.6	100.0	100.6	101.6	100.9	101.6	100.2
Year.....	98.2	99.0	97.2	98.2	96.6	95.1	96.9	97.2
1937								
January.....	100.2	100.9	98.9	100.0	101.4	103.6	101.9	99.8
February.....	100.6	100.8	99.0	100.6	101.8	105.6	101.1	102.9
March.....	98.8	98.9	98.0	100.7	99.2	104.8	102.8	102.8
April.....	99.9	99.8	98.4	100.3	101.4	103.4	102.1	103.4
May.....	99.1	100.2	98.3	101.1	101.5	103.2	104.4	105.9
June.....	99.1	98.8	97.5	102.2	102.1	103.0	103.3	104.8
July.....	101.6	100.4	101.6	102.4	103.2	102.6	104.1	104.4
August.....	104.8	103.3	102.2	105.5	103.3	103.2	105.3	106.2
September.....	102.0	103.1	101.9	103.0	102.7	102.0	104.8	108.8
October.....	103.2	103.1	104.2	104.8	101.6	104.4	103.8	108.4
November.....	105.8	105.1	104.5	104.4	103.2	106.7	105.5	108.9
December.....	104.9	106.0	104.6	106.1	104.4	109.5	106.3	107.5
Year.....	101.7	101.7	100.8	102.6	102.1	104.3	101.3	105.3
1938								
January.....	103.1	104.6	105.1	104.6	104.2	103.3	104.9	104.9
February.....	102.9	104.1	105.9	103.8	103.3	108.4	103.1	104.4
March.....	104.0	105.9	107.4	105.7	105.8	110.4	106.0	105.7
April.....	104.3	105.6	107.4	105.6	105.4	110.7	105.0	107.1
May.....	100.5	102.7	105.3	102.5	102.4	106.1	101.7	105.5
June.....	100.9	102.9	107.2	102.7	103.9	106.9	103.8	105.6
July.....	105.8	103.6	108.9	103.5	104.3	104.4	103.4	107.4
August.....	106.8	106.0	106.7	104.5	105.4	104.4	104.8	106.0
September.....	102.8	102.7	102.8	101.2	100.5	101.9	101.7	103.8
October.....	102.2	102.0	104.4	101.1	103.2	101.9	101.7	102.0
November.....	103.7	101.9	103.6	100.8	100.4	101.8	101.9	101.8
December.....	101.0	101.9	104.3	100.8	101.2	101.2	101.2	98.6
Year.....	103.2	103.7	105.8	103.1	103.3	105.5	103.3	104.4
1939								
January.....	100.2	99.6	104.1	100.3	103.4	102.1	100.0	98.0
February.....	98.7	99.7	103.0	99.1	102.3	99.3	98.6	96.0
March.....	98.0	98.9	103.0	98.8	101.9	101.2	98.8	97.0
April.....	94.1	99.3	100.4	98.7	102.2	98.4	98.8	96.4
May.....	97.1	100.1	101.3	97.8	100.0	96.0	97.8	97.9
June.....	97.0	98.0	100.0	98.2	98.8	96.1	98.6	96.8
July.....	98.3	99.7	101.5	101.7	100.6	97.6	99.5	98.2
August.....	99.6	100.5	100.6	100.2	100.6	97.9	100.3	98.1
September.....	97.4	100.0	99.7	99.0	100.7	97.4	100.0	97.4
October.....	106.2	106.9	109.4	106.7	108.2	108.3	108.5	104.2
November.....	107.9	107.5	109.3	106.7	107.8	109.2	111.9	104.9
December.....	106.1	108.4	107.9	106.4	106.9	109.1	109.4	103.9
Year.....	100.1	101.5	103.3	101.1	102.8	101.0	101.8	99.1
1940								
January.....	108.5	107.5	107.3	103.6	106.5	107.3	107.2	101.4
February.....	106.4	106.6	107.1	103.8	106.2	107.4	107.1	104.1
March.....	107.1	105.8	107.9	102.9	106.0	106.7	106.2	103.0
April.....	107.7	106.7	107.7	104.2	106.2	106.7	107.1	103.9
May.....	108.4	107.4	106.0	103.2	105.3	104.9	108.2	105.3
June.....	106.1	106.1	106.0	103.7	105.2	103.3	106.6	102.5
July.....	110.6	108.1	108.2	104.9	109.0	105.9	105.8	103.2
August.....	111.9	108.9	106.1	104.7	108.5	103.8	104.8	103.9
September.....	111.3	107.0	106.9	105.9	106.8	103.4	103.5	103.4
October.....	111.6	108.4	107.9	106.1	107.6	104.3	105.4	103.7
November.....	113.3	111.3	110.9	108.5	110.2	107.5	108.4	106.1
December.....	114.7	113.0	111.2	107.8	110.9	109.7	110.1	107.0
Year.....	109.8	108.0	107.8	105.0	107.3	105.8	106.7	104.0

TABLE IIIB.—WEIGHTS FOR RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF FOODS FOR SPECIFIED CITIES

(Average purchases per week for family of 4-6 persons)

	Unit	Halifax	SaintJohn	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmon- ton	Van- couver
Milk.....	qt.	9.2	10.4	9.8	10.4	12.3	11.7	11.4	10.9
Butter.....	lb.	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0
Cheese.....	lb.	.2	.2	.3	.5	.4	.5	.4	.5
Eggs.....	doz.	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.8
Sirloin steak.....	lb.	.4	.4	.5	.5	.5	.5	.6	.6
Round steak.....	lb.	.7	.8	.9	.9	1.0	.9	1.1	.9
Rolled rib roast.....	lb.	.6	.7	.7	.7	.8	.7	.9	.7
Blade roast.....	lb.	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.1
Stewing beef.....	lb.	.8	.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.0
Veal.....	lb.	.2	.5	1.6	.5	1.3	1.0	.9	.7
Lamb.....	lb.	.8	.5	.5	.7	.5	.4	.4	.8
Pork, fresh loins.....	lb.	1.1	1.3	2.3	1.0	.8	.5	.7	.7
Pork, fresh shoulder.....	lb.	.8	.8	1.5	.6	.5	.3	.4	.4
Bacon.....	lb.	.7	.6	.5	.9	.7	.7	.7	.7
Canned salmon.....	lb. tin	.1	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1
Lard.....	lb.	.1	.2	.3	.1	.2	.2	.4	.2
Vegetable shortening.....	lb.	.7	.9	.6	.6	1.0	.6	.5	.7
Finnan haddie.....	lb.	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Bread.....	lb.	9.0	10.1	12.8	11.9	13.1	10.5	10.6	10.9
Flour.....	lb.	3.6	4.8	2.2	2.5	4.3	4.1	3.4	4.2
Rice.....	lb.	.1	.1	.4	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2
Rolled oats.....	lb.	.6	.7	.4	.4	.8	.7	.8	.7
Corn flakes.....	8 oz. pkg.	1.4	1.8	1.0	1.8	1.0	1.5	1.1	1.1
Granulated sugar.....	lb.	4.4	4.7	4.1	3.8	5.4	4.7	5.4	4.8
Yellow sugar.....	lb.	.7	1.2	.4	.7	.8	.6	.5	.5
Tea.....	lb.	.4	.4	.3	.5	.4	.4	.4	.5
Coffee.....	lb.	.1	.2	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2
Cocoa.....	½ lb. tin	.1	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
Salt.....	lb.	.5	.7	.5	.4	.6	.4	.4	.5
Beans, dry.....	lb.	.3	.4	.2	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1
Onions.....	lb.	.7	.9	.8	1.0	.7	.5	.7	.9
Potatoes.....	pk.	.9	1.0	1.0	.8	.8	.7	.8	.8
Canned tomatoes.....	2½'s tin	.3	.4	.9	.4	.4	.5	.6	.4
Canned peas.....	16 oz. tin	.7	.7	.5	.9	.8	.7	.7	.6
Canned corn.....	16 oz. tin	.3	.3	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.3
Canned beans.....	16 oz. tin	.9	.7	.6	.4	.5	.4	.5	.4
Raisins.....	lb.	.2	.2	.1	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2
Currants.....	lb.	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Prunes.....	lb.	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Bananas.....	lb.	.9	.6	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.1	.6	.9
Oranges.....	doz.	.6	.5	.7	.8	1.0	.9	.8	.9
Lemons.....	doz.	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Strawberry jam.....	lb.	.1	.1	.5	.6	.7	.8	.7	.7
Marmalade.....	lb.	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Canned peaches.....	16 oz. tin	.3	.2	.1	.3	.2	.1	.2	.2
Corn syrup.....	5 lb. tin	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1

TABLE IV.—WHOLESALE PRICES OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES, 1929-1940
DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS

Commodities	Unit	Dec. 1929	Dec. 1932	Dec. 1937	Dec. 1939	Dec. 1940	Commodities	Unit	Dec. 1929	Dec. 1932	Dec. 1937	Dec. 1939	Dec. 1940
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Oats.....	bush.	0.634	0.210	0.495	0.388	0.333	Cotton, raw.....	lb.	0.183	0.082	0.102	0.140	0.139
Wheat.....	bush.	1.378	0.424	1.374	0.824	0.734	Cotton yarns.....	lb.	0.357	0.210	0.260	0.313	0.293
Flour.....	brl.	8.600	4.400	7.800	6.004	5.850	Wool, raw.....	lb.	0.240	0.090	0.235	0.270	0.310
Sugar, granulated.....	cwt.	5.270	4.180	5.085	5.560	5.893	Pulp, groundwood.....	ton	29.470	19.650	26.081	30.461	32.948
Rubber, raw.....	lb.	0.161	0.038	0.152	0.225	0.255	Pig-iron, malleable.....	ton	22.000	19.000	23.500	23.500	23.500
Cattle, good steers.....	cwt.	9.630	4.100	7.050	7.340	8.630	Steel bars.....	100lb.	2.400	2.250	2.700	2.550	2.550
Hogs, bacon.....	cwt.	11.940	3.970	8.320	8.940	8.168	Copper.....	cwt.	19.750	7.021	10.614	11.150	11.500
Hides, beef.....	lb.	0.145	0.048	0.140	0.155	0.155	Lead.....	cwt.	6.500	3.386	4.402	4.760	5.000
Butter, creamery.....	lb.	0.430	0.238	0.314	0.292	0.358	Spelter.....	cwt.	6.000	3.971	4.298	4.760	5.150
Cheese.....	lb.	0.280	0.180	0.180	0.230	0.228	Coal, anthracite.....	ton	13.470	13.328	10.350	10.717	11.889
Eggs, fresh.....	doz.	0.678	0.406	0.354	0.339	0.365	Coal, Nova Scotia.....	ton	6.000	5.250	5.250	5.500	5.500
							Gasoline.....	gal.	0.195	0.180	0.160	0.155	0.165

TABLE V.—DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS WEIGHTED INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA, BY GROUPS, ACCORDING TO CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS, 1913-1940

(Average Prices in 1926=100)

Groups	I Vegetable Products	II Animals and their Products	III Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	IV Wood, Wood Products and Paper	V Iron and its Products	VI Non- Ferrous Metals and their Products	VII Non- Metallic Minerals and their Products	VIII Chemicals and Allied Products	All Commo- dities
Number of Commodities	67	50	28	21	26	15	16	13	238
{ 1913-1925....	124	74	60	44	89	15	73	73	502
{ 1926-1933....	135	76	85	49	44	18	83	77	567
{ 1934-1938....									
1913.....	58.1	70.9	58.2	63.9	68.9	98.4	56.8	63.4	64.0
1914.....	64.8	72.6	56.9	60.3	67.3	94.7	53.7	65.3	65.5
1915.....	75.6	74.0	58.3	56.5	73.9	106.9	52.7	68.1	70.4
1916.....	87.0	85.0	77.6	64.0	104.6	135.1	58.0	78.0	84.3
1917.....	124.5	110.4	114.6	79.8	151.8	143.9	71.6	98.1	114.3
1918.....	127.9	127.1	157.1	89.1	156.9	141.9	82.3	118.7	127.4
1919.....	136.1	140.8	163.8	109.6	139.1	133.5	93.6	117.5	134.0
1920.....	167.0	145.1	176.5	154.4	168.4	135.5	112.2	141.5	155.9
1921.....	103.5	109.6	96.0	129.4	128.0	97.0	116.6	117.0	110.0
1922.....	86.2	96.0	101.7	106.3	104.6	97.3	107.0	105.4	97.3
1923.....	83.7	95.0	116.9	113.0	115.8	95.3	104.4	104.4	98.0
1924.....	89.2	91.8	117.9	105.9	111.0	94.8	104.1	102.5	99.4
1925.....	100.6	100.3	112.5	101.6	104.5	103.9	100.3	99.6	102.6
1926.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1927.....	98.3	101.9	93.7	98.5	96.2	91.5	96.5	98.3	97.7
1928.....	93.0	105.1	94.5	98.7	93.2	92.0	92.5	95.3	96.4
1929.....	91.6	109.0	91.3	93.9	93.7	99.2	92.9	95.4	95.6
1930.....	77.7	99.1	81.8	88.7	91.1	80.7	91.3	92.8	86.6
1931.....	56.9	73.9	73.4	79.1	87.4	64.6	86.5	86.7	72.1
1932.....	54.8	59.7	69.7	69.1	86.3	59.0	85.5	83.9	66.7
1933.....	59.3	59.4	69.7	62.8	85.4	64.3	84.4	81.3	67.1
1934.....	66.6	67.2	72.9	65.4	87.0	64.3	86.0	81.2	71.6
1935.....	67.3	70.4	70.2	64.6	87.2	69.1	85.5	79.1	72.1
1936.....	72.6	71.8	69.7	68.5	88.0	70.1	85.4	77.9	74.6
1937.....	88.4	78.4	72.7	76.7	101.8	83.3	86.6	81.4	84.6
1938.....	73.8	76.7	67.5	77.5	100.4	70.9	86.7	79.9	78.6
1939.....	63.7	74.6	70.0	79.2	98.4	71.3	85.3	79.8	75.4
1940.....	72.1	79.2	83.5	89.3	104.0	76.8	89.1	87.9	82.9
Mar. 1933.....	51.8	58.4	67.7	62.7	85.0	59.8	84.8	81.8	64.3
June 1933.....	61.5	58.5	69.9	61.7	85.3	68.0	82.7	80.8	67.5
Sept. 1933.....	62.5	60.6	71.7	63.8	85.5	67.5	85.0	81.5	68.9
Dec. 1933.....	60.4	63.7	71.7	64.4	86.7	66.5	85.8	80.8	69.0
Mar. 1934.....	65.8	70.4	74.5	65.3	87.2	66.0	86.2	81.0	72.1
June 1934.....	67.4	67.1	73.8	66.2	87.5	64.1	85.6	81.9	72.0
Sept. 1934.....	68.6	67.4	71.8	65.3	86.6	62.1	86.1	81.7	71.9
Dec. 1934.....	66.7	66.2	71.5	64.5	86.8	63.7	86.1	80.4	71.1
Mar. 1935.....	67.4	69.7	70.4	64.4	87.6	65.2	85.8	80.5	71.9
June 1935.....	66.1	70.4	70.4	63.9	87.2	69.6	85.1	79.8	71.4
Sept. 1935.....	67.5	72.1	68.8	65.1	87.2	71.1	85.2	76.9	72.4
Dec. 1935.....	67.1	73.0	69.6	65.9	87.2	71.5	85.4	77.5	72.7
Mar. 1936.....	66.7	70.5	69.6	67.8	87.3	69.3	85.9	77.2	72.4
June 1936.....	66.9	69.7	69.2	68.1	87.7	67.7	85.7	77.2	72.3
Sept. 1936.....	77.4	73.6	69.7	68.8	88.2	70.2	85.4	78.5	76.4
Dec. 1936.....	84.3	73.9	71.0	69.6	91.4	77.8	85.8	79.1	79.7
Mar. 1937.....	90.6	74.9	73.8	77.3	100.1	97.6	85.5	81.6	85.5
June 1937.....	87.0	77.5	74.9	77.8	103.0	84.3	86.8	81.6	84.6
Sept. 1937.....	86.5	81.8	71.7	77.2	105.3	83.4	87.4	81.7	85.0
Dec. 1937.....	85.3	78.2	69.0	75.5	104.1	72.3	87.1	80.7	82.7
Mar. 1938.....	85.1	79.2	67.9	79.0	103.4	71.3	87.0	80.5	83.1
June 1938.....	78.6	78.0	67.4	76.8	101.4	67.8	87.1	80.1	80.1
Sept. 1938.....	61.7	76.4	66.9	76.9	98.2	70.8	86.7	79.4	74.5
Dec. 1938.....	60.2	72.9	66.3	76.2	98.1	71.5	86.3	79.0	73.3
Mar. 1939.....	60.7	73.3	65.8	76.3	97.4	70.1	85.2	77.9	73.2
June 1939.....	61.9	71.3	66.4	77.1	97.4	69.2	84.6	77.7	73.3
Sept. 1939.....	68.4	77.5	72.1	82.5	99.3	74.5	84.6	80.9	78.2
Dec. 1939.....	71.9	80.3	81.6	85.1	102.0	75.3	86.5	86.5	81.7
Jan. 1940.....	73.8	79.9	82.0	86.3	102.8	76.2	87.1	85.5	82.6
Feb. 1940.....	74.0	80.1	82.8	86.6	102.6	76.3	87.2	85.7	82.8
Mar. 1940.....	74.9	79.9	83.5	87.2	102.5	76.4	87.3	85.6	83.2
April 1940.....	76.1	77.6	83.7	87.4	102.4	76.3	87.1	85.5	83.1
May 1940.....	72.8	76.4	83.7	87.7	102.3	76.5	88.8	85.4	82.1
June 1940.....	70.5	76.8	83.8	88.1	102.6	76.7	88.7	85.6	81.6
July 1940.....	71.0	77.1	83.6	90.4	102.8	76.2	89.9	89.0	82.4
Aug. 1940.....	70.3	77.0	83.6	91.0	105.7	77.0	90.2	91.0	82.7
Sept. 1940.....	69.8	78.8	83.7	91.7	106.0	77.3	90.7	90.4	83.1
Oct. 1940.....	69.7	80.4	83.7	91.5	106.1	77.7	90.8	90.3	83.3
Nov. 1940.....	70.9	82.3	83.9	91.6	106.1	77.7	90.8	90.1	84.0
Dec. 1940.....	70.8	83.6	84.4	91.5	106.1	77.7	90.8	90.8	84.2

TABLE VI.--DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS WEIGHTED INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES
IN CANADA, BY GROUPS, ACCORDING TO "PURPOSE", 1913-1940

(Average Prices in 1926=100)

Groups		I. Consumers' Goods			II. Producers' Goods				
		All	Foods, beverages and tobacco	Other	All	Pro- ducers' equip- ment	Producers' Materials		
							All	Building and construc- tion	Manu- facturers
Number of commodities	(1913-1925....	98	74	24	146	15	131	32	99
	(1926-1933....	204	116	88	351	22	329	97	232
	(1934-1938....	236	126	110	402	24	378	111	267
1913.....		62.0	61.8	62.2	67.7	55.1	69.1	67.0	69.5
1914.....		62.1	65.0	60.1	70.1	52.4	72.1	62.8	74.2
1915.....		62.8	68.7	58.8	77.1	51.2	80.0	60.5	84.6
1916.....		72.2	81.2	66.2	89.7	55.7	93.5	69.5	99.1
1917.....		90.5	109.1	78.1	120.6	65.3	126.7	87.4	136.0
1918.....		102.7	119.0	91.9	133.3	81.9	139.0	100.7	148.1
1919.....		115.2	127.9	106.7	139.8	90.7	145.2	117.8	151.6
1920.....		136.1	150.8	126.3	164.8	108.6	171.0	144.0	177.3
1921.....		108.9	105.1	111.5	113.3	113.8	113.3	122.7	110.8
1922.....		96.9	90.2	101.4	98.8	104.1	98.2	108.7	95.8
1923.....		94.7	91.2	97.0	97.6	102.5	97.1	111.9	93.7
1924.....		94.2	90.4	96.8	99.4	102.7	99.0	106.6	97.5
1925.....		97.0	97.7	96.5	104.9	99.2	105.5	102.9	106.2
1926.....		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1927.....		95.7	99.4	93.3	98.5	101.1	98.2	96.1	98.6
1928.....		95.6	99.6	92.9	96.7	93.7	97.0	97.4	96.9
1929.....		94.7	100.0	91.1	96.1	94.6	96.3	99.0	95.9
1930.....		89.3	93.1	86.8	82.5	92.9	81.3	90.8	79.7
1931.....		76.2	70.4	80.0	67.1	90.0	64.6	81.9	61.7
1932.....		71.3	61.5	77.8	62.4	88.7	59.5	77.2	56.5
1933.....		71.1	63.8	76.0	63.1	86.0	60.5	78.3	57.5
1934.....		74.1	69.7	77.0	67.8	88.9	65.5	82.5	62.6
1935.....		73.6	70.4	75.7	69.5	89.8	67.2	81.2	64.8
1936.....		74.7	73.4	75.6	72.4	90.1	70.5	85.4	67.9
1937.....		79.5	81.2	78.4	86.1	93.8	85.2	94.4	83.6
1938.....		77.2	77.1	77.2	75.8	95.1	73.7	89.1	71.1
1939.....		75.9	73.9	77.2	70.4	95.4	67.6	89.7	63.9
1940.....		83.4	79.3	86.0	78.8	100.0	76.4	96.2	73.0
Mar. 1933.....		69.3	59.8	75.7	59.5	87.1	56.4	75.1	53.2
June 1933.....		70.4	63.9	74.8	64.6	84.8	62.4	78.9	59.6
Sept. 1933.....		72.7	65.7	77.3	65.6	85.6	63.4	80.8	60.4
Dec. 1933.....		73.3	67.4	77.3	64.3	87.2	61.8	80.6	58.6
Mar. 1934.....		75.9	72.8	78.0	67.1	87.9	64.8	82.2	61.8
June 1934.....		74.1	69.7	77.1	68.8	89.2	66.5	83.9	63.6
Sept. 1934.....		73.9	69.6	76.7	68.9	89.5	66.6	82.7	63.9
Dec. 1934.....		72.9	67.9	76.2	68.3	89.6	65.9	81.4	63.3
Mar. 1935.....		73.6	70.1	75.9	69.1	89.7	66.8	81.1	64.4
June 1935.....		72.7	68.6	75.5	69.3	89.9	67.0	81.0	64.6
Sept. 1935.....		73.4	71.0	75.0	70.1	89.8	67.9	81.2	65.6
Dec. 1935.....		74.4	72.5	75.6	69.4	90.1	67.1	82.1	64.5
Mar. 1936.....		73.8	70.8	75.8	69.3	90.3	67.0	84.2	64.1
June 1936.....		73.7	71.2	75.4	68.5	90.0	66.1	84.8	62.9
Sept. 1936.....		75.5	75.6	75.5	75.4	89.7	73.8	86.0	71.7
Dec. 1936.....		76.9	77.4	76.5	80.4	91.8	79.1	88.0	77.6
Mar. 1937.....		78.3	79.4	77.5	88.8	91.9	88.4	97.3	86.9
June 1937.....		79.5	80.3	79.0	85.8	94.3	84.9	96.4	83.0
Sept. 1937.....		80.3	82.1	79.1	85.9	94.5	84.9	94.3	83.3
Dec. 1937.....		79.1	80.3	78.3	82.7	94.2	81.4	91.7	79.6
Mar. 1938.....		79.0	81.2	77.6	82.5	94.5	81.2	91.0	79.5
June 1938.....		77.4	78.1	76.9	78.6	95.5	76.7	89.0	74.6
Sept. 1938.....		76.0	74.3	77.2	68.7	95.5	65.7	87.8	62.0
Dec. 1938.....		76.0	75.0	76.7	68.4	95.2	65.4	89.1	61.4
Mar. 1939.....		74.1	72.2	75.4	68.1	94.9	65.1	87.4	61.3
June 1939.....		73.7	71.9	74.9	68.1	94.9	65.1	88.5	61.1
Sept. 1939.....		77.2	77.0	77.4	74.2	95.7	71.8	91.8	68.4
Dec. 1939.....		81.3	79.0	82.9	77.9	96.6	75.8	94.2	72.7
Jan. 1940.....		82.3	79.6	84.1	79.0	96.6	77.0	94.0	74.1
Feb. 1940.....		82.7	79.6	84.8	79.1	96.6	77.2	94.0	74.4
Mar. 1940.....		83.0	79.6	85.2	80.0	96.6	78.1	94.7	75.3
April 1940.....		82.4	78.7	84.8	80.4	96.6	78.6	95.1	75.8
May 1940.....		82.0	77.9	84.7	78.9	100.3	76.5	95.3	73.3
June 1940.....		82.3	78.3	84.9	77.3	100.4	74.7	95.2	71.2
July 1940.....		83.4	79.0	86.4	77.6	102.2	74.9	96.0	71.3
Aug. 1940.....		83.7	78.2	87.3	78.0	102.0	75.3	97.4	71.5
Sept. 1940.....		84.1	78.8	87.6	78.3	102.2	75.6	97.9	71.8
Oct. 1940.....		84.2	79.4	87.4	78.3	102.2	75.6	98.2	71.8
Nov. 1940.....		84.9	81.1	87.4	78.9	102.1	76.3	98.5	72.5
Dec. 1940.....		85.2	81.8	87.5	79.3	102.2	76.7	98.3	73.0

TABLE VII.—DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS WEIGHTED INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA, BY GROUPS, ACCORDING TO "ORIGIN", 1913-1940
(Average Prices in 1926=100)

Groups	Raw and partly manu- factured	Fully and chiefly manu- factured	I. Farm (domestic and foreign)			II Marine	III Forest	IV Mineral
			Field	Animal	Canadian			
Number of Commodities	107	129	87	53	36	8	21	67
(1913-1925....)	232	276	167	90	59	16	52	183
(1926-1933....)	245	322	186	105	70	16	57	203
(1934-1938....)								
1913.....	63.8	64.8	59.2	70.1	64.1	65.9	60.1	67.9
1914.....	66.2	65.6	65.2	70.7	70.2	63.9	58.4	64.9
1915.....	72.5	71.1	75.6	73.7	77.9	65.0	56.1	68.9
1916.....	86.4	84.6	87.6	86.1	89.8	69.8	61.8	85.5
1917.....	113.6	113.5	124.5	112.5	128.5	87.2	76.9	107.7
1918.....	120.8	127.7	134.7	129.0	132.6	111.7	89.7	115.2
1919.....	130.3	132.1	142.5	142.6	146.7	115.8	107.9	114.3
1920.....	154.1	156.5	176.4	146.0	160.6	114.1	151.3	134.6
1921.....	107.2	116.1	106.6	108.2	103.7	91.2	136.9	117.8
1922.....	94.7	100.4	91.2	95.9	88.0	91.7	106.8	106.4
1923.....	91.1	103.1	93.1	95.7	81.5	85.4	112.8	106.6
1924.....	94.8	101.9	96.6	90.9	88.1	92.9	107.6	104.6
1925.....	100.8	103.8	104.0	100.5	101.0	97.8	103.3	101.7
1926.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1927.....	99.9	96.5	97.9	100.5	102.1	100.2	98.3	94.6
1928.....	97.4	95.0	92.2	105.1	100.7	100.6	98.6	91.5
1929.....	97.5	93.0	90.1	105.5	100.8	105.3	93.7	92.8
1930.....	82.2	87.3	76.3	95.6	82.3	95.3	88.5	88.4
1931.....	61.9	74.8	57.7	73.9	56.3	75.6	79.0	81.9
1932.....	55.0	69.8	55.1	60.6	48.4	63.8	69.2	81.4
1933.....	56.6	70.2	59.3	61.0	51.0	62.9	63.0	80.6
1934.....	63.5	73.4	64.8	68.2	59.0	71.1	65.5	82.2
1935.....	66.9	72.8	65.1	70.6	63.5	69.2	64.7	82.8
1936.....	70.8	73.7	69.2	72.4	70.1	69.2	68.5	82.8
1937.....	84.3	80.5	83.1	79.0	87.1	71.8	76.4	88.8
1938.....	72.7	78.2	70.3	76.7	73.6	70.2	77.2	86.5
1939.....	67.4	75.3	61.8	75.5	64.3	71.2	78.9	85.8
1940.....	75.3	81.7	70.0	81.5	67.1	79.6	88.9	90.5
Mar. 1933.....	52.1	67.8	52.5	59.5	44.6	58.5	63.1	80.0
June 1933.....	57.6	70.2	61.1	59.9	52.5	60.3	61.9	79.8
Sept. 1933.....	59.9	71.5	62.7	62.7	54.6	66.5	64.0	81.6
Dec. 1933.....	58.9	72.0	60.3	65.3	53.6	66.8	64.7	82.2
Mar. 1934.....	62.3	75.1	64.2	71.0	56.9	68.5	65.5	82.7
June 1934.....	64.6	73.0	65.3	68.0	59.6	69.2	66.4	82.1
Sept. 1934.....	64.8	73.5	66.7	67.5	61.2	75.3	65.4	81.8
Dec. 1934.....	64.3	72.5	64.9	67.7	61.6	70.5	64.6	82.1
Mar. 1935.....	65.2	73.3	65.4	70.0	62.7	71.8	64.5	82.5
June 1935.....	65.0	71.5	64.4	68.5	61.4	69.1	64.0	81.6
Sept. 1935.....	67.3	72.4	65.1	72.1	65.2	68.7	65.1	82.8
Dec. 1935.....	67.2	72.9	64.6	73.4	65.5	68.0	66.0	83.0
Mar. 1936.....	67.3	72.1	64.4	71.4	65.5	69.3	67.7	82.7
June 1936.....	66.6	71.9	64.2	70.1	64.5	67.3	68.0	82.4
Sept. 1936.....	73.9	75.1	73.1	73.7	75.0	71.8	69.1	82.9
Dec. 1936.....	79.3	77.3	79.5	75.5	82.4	69.6	69.8	85.1
Mar. 1937.....	86.9	79.7	85.2	77.1	90.0	66.3	77.1	90.2
June 1937.....	83.2	80.3	82.3	77.4	83.7	71.7	77.5	89.2
Sept. 1937.....	83.7	81.3	81.5	81.5	86.3	76.4	77.0	89.9
Dec. 1937.....	80.8	80.2	80.3	78.5	84.2	73.6	75.3	87.7
Mar. 1938.....	79.7	82.0	80.0	79.2	83.0	73.3	78.6	87.5
June 1938.....	75.4	79.2	74.1	77.1	76.6	67.8	76.4	86.6
Sept. 1938.....	65.5	75.6	60.2	76.2	63.8	70.6	76.7	86.1
Dec. 1938.....	64.9	73.6	58.9	73.7	64.6	67.4	75.9	85.6
Mar. 1939.....	65.1	73.2	58.9	73.8	65.1	67.6	76.0	84.8
June 1939.....	65.0	73.1	59.9	71.6	63.3	67.2	76.8	84.3
Sept. 1939.....	70.7	77.5	65.9	77.8	64.2	75.8	82.1	85.5
Dec. 1939.....	74.2	81.1	69.9	82.2	69.1	79.8	84.8	87.8
Jan. 1940.....	75.3	81.7	71.4	82.1	70.0	77.7	85.9	88.5
Feb. 1940.....	75.9	81.8	71.4	82.7	70.3	77.8	86.2	88.9
Mar. 1940.....	76.4	82.0	72.1	82.7	71.3	78.4	86.9	89.0
April 1940.....	76.8	81.7	73.2	80.8	72.1	75.0	86.9	88.8
May 1940.....	75.3	80.6	70.5	79.3	68.0	78.3	87.4	89.7
June 1940.....	74.0	80.1	68.6	79.1	64.3	78.2	87.8	89.9
July 1940.....	74.7	80.6	68.9	79.6	64.6	77.2	90.3	90.7
Aug. 1940.....	73.9	81.6	68.7	79.4	62.7	79.1	90.8	91.7
Sept. 1940.....	74.3	81.8	68.4	80.7	63.8	82.3	91.3	92.0
Oct. 1940.....	74.8	82.0	68.3	82.1	64.6	83.9	91.1	92.1
Nov. 1940.....	76.2	82.7	69.4	84.0	66.9	84.1	91.2	92.1
Dec. 1940.....	76.2	83.2	69.6	85.1	67.1	82.9	91.1	92.1

Prices in Great Britain and Other Countries

The accompanying tables numbered VIII to XXII give such index numbers of retail prices of foods and cost of living and of wholesale prices in several of the principal commercial and industrial countries as are available for 1940 and for preceding dates, to show the movements of prices in comparison with those in Canada. The information in the following tables is obtained for the most part from publications of the governmental or other authority constructing the index number, but in some cases from the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the League of Nations, which publishes figures for some countries. The quarterly supplement to Prices and Price Indexes issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, also contains index numbers for many countries.

As a result of war conditions the information for certain countries is not as complete in the present report as heretofore, there being no data for some countries since September, 1939. From some other countries the information is received later than previously.

Great Britain and Northern Ireland

COST OF LIVING.—The Ministry of Labour's index number (Table X) is based on the standard of living of a workingman's family prior to the outbreak of war in 1914. The cost of living, on this basis, at the end of November, 1940, had risen about 26 per cent over the September 1, 1939, level. Food prices had risen 25 per cent. As the war progressed, maximum prices of an increasing number of foods were set by the Minister of Food. Of the rise of 26 per cent in the cost of living, 1·8 per cent was due to taxes on sugar, tobacco, cigarettes and matches, and a further 1·1 per cent resulted from the Purchase Tax. (This tax which became effective October 21, is levied when the goods pass from the wholesaler to the retailer and is at the rate of one third of the wholesale value of certain classes of goods and one sixth of the wholesale value of certain other classes of goods. The only items used in compiling the cost of living index number which are subject to the purchase tax are clothing, clothing material, domestic ironmongery and pottery, and the tax is not chargeable on garments or shoes for young children's wear. This tax was not immediately felt by consumers as it did not apply to stock held by retailers at that time.) Clothing prices rose steadily from the beginning of the war and had increased by about 54 per cent in these sixteen months. The fuel and light and the sundries groups each were about 22 per cent higher at November 30, 1940, than at September 1, 1939, while rent had only increased by one per cent.

WHOLESALE PRICES.—The Board of Trade index number of wholesale prices showed a rise of 24·7 per cent in wholesale prices in the first four months of the war, the increase in food and tobacco (30·6 per cent) being greater than that for industrial materials and manufactures (21·6 per cent). During the year 1940 there was a further increase of 21·2 per cent, the increases in the food group and in the industrial materials and manufactures group being about equal. Thus, from August, 1939, to December, 1940, the total increase for all groups combined was 51·1 per cent, the advance in food and tobacco prices being 58·5 per cent, and in industrial materials and manufactures, 47·2 per cent.

The rise of 30·6 per cent in food and tobacco prices between August and December, 1939, was made up of an increase of 54 per cent in cereals, one of 24½ per cent in meat, fish and eggs, and one of 21 per cent in "other food and tobacco". In the year 1940, however, the increase in the "other food and tobacco" was 31 per cent, more than twice as great an increase as in the cereals group and in the meat, fish and eggs group. Among "other foods and tobacco", the rise in vegetables and fruit was outstanding, the prices of tomatoes, onions, apples, oranges and bananas being from 70 to nearly 300 per cent higher in December, 1940, than in December, 1939. Price control was instituted for oranges, onions and bananas in the latter part of the year. Potatoes were 50 per cent higher in December, 1940, than a year earlier, milk about 40 per cent; butter was practically unchanged due to price control, but margarine and imported cheese rose about 20 per cent; tea and cocoa showed little change, but coffee was 20 to 40 per cent dearer. Increased duties on tobacco resulted in a price rise of between 40 and 50 per cent, cereals rose about 14 per cent during the year due to higher prices for barley, maize and rice. Meat and bacon prices were controlled and there was no change after February, 1940, except poultry which was 50 per cent higher; the price of eggs was also controlled throughout the year, the prices in December, 1940, being 45 per cent higher than a year earlier.

The rise of 21·6 per cent in industrial materials and manufactures between August, 1939, and December, 1939, and the further rise of 21 per cent during 1940, amounted to a total increase of 47·2 per cent for the whole period. Price control was in effect for a number of commodities, the prices under control being changed from time to time. In the whole period prices of coal advanced 29·7 per cent, iron and steel 39·4 per cent, non-ferrous metals 22·4 per cent, cotton 57·5 per cent,

TABLE VIII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES AND COST OF LIVING IN CANADA AND CERTAIN OTHER COUNTRIES (Base figure 100 except where noted)

Country	Canada		United States			Great Britain		Ire	Germany	Sweden		India	Japan	Australia	New Zealand
	Foods 69 cities Dominion Bureau of Statistics	Cost of Living, Dominion Bureau of Statistics	Foods, Bureau of Labour Statistics	Cost of Living, Bureau of Labour Statistics	Cost of Living, National Industrial Conference Board	Foods	Cost of Living			Foods	Cost of Living				
Description of Index	1935- 1939	1935- 1939	1935- 1939	1935- 1939	1923	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	1913- 1914	July 1914	July 1914	July 1933 -June 1934	July 1914	1923- 1927 = 1000	1926- 1930 = 1000
	Base Period					(b)	(b)	(c)							
1913.....	88.3	79.7	(c)	(c)	61.3	100	100	100		100	100				628
1914.....	(a)	80.0	(h)	(h)	72.6	100	100	100							(a)
1915.....	(a)	92.7	(h)	(h)	83.9	132	125	125							676
1916.....	(a)	91.9	(h)	(h)	81.6	161	148	148							724
1917.....	(a)	103.3	(h)	(h)	88.3	204	204	180							(a)
1918.....	(a)	103.3	(h)	(h)	88.3	210	203	203							(a)
1919.....	(a)	152.8	(h)	(h)	125.4	209	208	208							(a)
1920.....	(a)	163.3	(h)	(h)	149.6	209	208	208							(a)
1921.....	(a)	131.0	(e)	(e)	118.3	258	252	252							(a)
1922.....	(a)	130.5	(e)	(e)	121.0	220	219	219							(a)
1923.....	(a)	143.9	(f)	(f)	149.4	220	219	219							(a)
1924.....	(a)	121.3	(e)	(e)	119.5	180	184	184							(a)
1925.....	(a)	121.8	(e)	(e)	126.4	161	170	170							(a)
1926.....	(a)	131.3	(e)	(e)	126.4	157	165	165							(a)
1927.....	(a)	131.5	(e)	(e)	122.1	149	161	161							(a)
1928.....	(a)	134.7	(e)	(e)	122.1	149	161	161							(a)
1929.....	(a)	131.5	(e)	(e)	120.3	141	155	155							(a)
1930.....	(a)	94.4	(e)	(e)	95.8	118	138	141							(a)
1931.....	(a)	82.2	(e)	(e)	90.8	118	138	141							(a)
1932.....	(a)	103.7	(e)	(e)	102.8	140	155	155							(a)
1933.....	(a)	101.5	(e)	(e)	88.9	135	159	159							(a)
1934.....	(a)	102.6	(e)	(e)	86.5	146	159	159							(a)
1935.....	(a)	99.9	(e)	(e)	100.9	138	155	155							(a)
1936.....	(a)	98.8	(e)	(e)	85.4	135	153	153							(a)
1937.....	(a)	99.3	(e)	(e)	85.0	139	156	156							(a)
1938.....	(a)	99.3	(e)	(e)	84.9	150	173	173							(a)
1939.....	(a)	104.5	(e)	(e)	86.8	137	174	174							(a)
1940.....	(a)	103.8	(e)	(e)	84.8	137	174	174							(a)
January.....	104.5	103.8	95.0	95.0	85.1	161	177	177							1008
February.....	104.5	103.8	95.0	95.0	85.1	161	177	177							1013
March.....	104.8	104.6	96.2	96.2	85.0	158	178	178							1003
April.....	104.8	104.6	96.2	96.2	85.0	158	178	178							1012
May.....	104.8	104.9	97.0	97.0	85.2	159	180	180							1017
June.....	103.8	104.9	98.3	98.3	85.5	168	181	181							1029
July.....	105.3	105.6	97.4	97.4	85.7	168	187	187							1026
August.....	105.4	105.9	96.2	96.2	85.4	166	185	185							1037
September.....	105.4	106.4	97.2	97.2	85.4	166	185	185							1042
October.....	106.1	107.0	96.2	96.2	85.5	169	189	189							1050
November.....	106.1	107.8	95.9	95.9	85.5	172	192	192							1048
December.....	109.1	108.0	97.2	97.2	85.8	173	195	195							1052

(a) Average for year.

(b) First of month.

(c) Middle of month.

(e) Figure for previous month.

(f) Figure for following month.

(g) Quarter beginning in specified month.

(h) December.

(i) September.

TABLE IX.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND CERTAIN OTHER COUNTRIES (Base figure 100 except where noted)

Country		Canada	United States	Great Britain		Germany	Switzer-land	South Africa	India	Japan	Australia	New Zealand
Authority	Dominion Bureau of Statistics	Bank of Commerce	Bureau of Labour Statistics	Board of Trade	Statist	Federal Statistical Bureau	Official (g)	Census and Statistics Office	Labour Office, Bombay	Bank of Japan	Common-wealth Statist-ician	Govern-ment Statist-ician
Number of Commodities	567 (h)	81	784	200	45	400	78	188	43	56	92	180
Base period	1926	1923	1926	1930	1867-1877	1913	July, 1914	1910=1000	July, 1914	1913	1911=1000	1926-1930=1000
1913.....	64.0	(c)	69.8	.....	(d) 85.0	100	(b)	(b)	.....	(a) 100	1088	.....
1914—July.....	64.4	.....	67.3	.....	82.4	.....	.....	(a) 1090	.....	.....	(a) 1088	.....
1915—July.....	70.3	.....	69.3	.....	106.4	.....	.....	(a) 1204	.....	.....	(a) 1822	.....
1916—July.....	81.4	.....	83.4	.....	130.5	.....	.....	(a) 1379	.....	.....	(a) 1505	.....
1917—July.....	118.6	.....	123.0	.....	176.9	.....	.....	(a) 1583	.....	.....	(a) 1715	.....
1918—July.....	127.7	.....	132.0	.....	193.1	.....	.....	(a) 1723	(a) 237	.....	(a) 1954	.....
1919—July.....	129.8	.....	141.1	.....	206.4	.....	.....	1810	(a) 222	.....	2008	.....
1920—July.....	164.1	.....	165.8	.....	254.6	.....	.....	2613	(a) 221	(a) 259.4	(a) 2671	.....
1921—July.....	104.8	.....	93.4	.....	158.2	.....	.....	2613	221	(a) 259.4	.....	.....
1922—July.....	98.7	.....	99.4	.....	134.0	.....	.....	1888	200	(a) 200.3	3813	.....
1926—July.....	100.1	.....	99.5	.....	126.0	.....	.....	1423	190	(a) 195.8	1789	.....
1928—July.....	96.0	.....	98.3	.....	120.8	.....	.....	1368	149	(a) 178.8	1843	.....
1929—July.....	97.2	.....	98.0	.....	115.2	.....	.....	144.1	147	(a) 170.8	1745	.....
1930—July.....	85.3	.....	86.24	.....	88.7	.....	.....	137.8	145	(a) 166.1	1813	.....
1933—July.....	70.5	.....	68.9	.....	81.7	.....	.....	125.1	124	(a) 136.4	1644	.....
1937—July.....	87.6	.....	87.9	.....	91.5	.....	.....	91.7	106	(a) 135.6	1455	.....
1938—July.....	78.6	.....	78.8	.....	91.1	.....	.....	112.4	106	(a) 180.5	1703	.....
1939—January.....	73.2	.....	76.9	.....	88.7	.....	.....	106.4	100	100	1692	.....
April.....	73.4	.....	76.4	.....	90.5	.....	.....	106.4	100	100	1692	.....
July.....	72.6	.....	75.4	.....	98.1	.....	.....	112.4	106	100	1692	.....
October.....	79.3	.....	79.4	.....	105.8	.....	.....	112.4	106	100	1692	.....
1940—January.....	82.6	.....	80.67	.....	124.1	.....	.....	112.4	106	100	1692	.....
February.....	82.8	.....	78.7	.....	128.3	.....	.....	112.4	106	100	1692	.....
March.....	83.2	.....	78.4	.....	123.4	.....	.....	112.4	106	100	1692	.....
April.....	83.1	.....	80.53	.....	132.2	.....	.....	112.4	106	100	1692	.....
May.....	82.1	.....	78.4	.....	126.0	.....	.....	112.4	106	100	1692	.....
June.....	81.6	.....	77.12	.....	134.4	.....	.....	112.4	106	100	1692	.....
July.....	82.4	.....	77.7	.....	139.7	.....	.....	112.4	106	100	1692	.....
August.....	82.7	.....	77.4	.....	129.5	.....	.....	112.4	106	100	1692	.....
September.....	83.1	.....	77.70	.....	131.5	.....	.....	112.4	106	100	1692	.....
October.....	83.3	.....	78.0	.....	131.8	.....	.....	112.4	106	100	1692	.....
November.....	84.0	.....	78.7	.....	132.7	.....	.....	112.4	106	100	1692	.....
December.....	84.2	.....	80.0	.....	148.6	.....	.....	112.4	106	100	1692	.....

(a) Average for year. (b) First of month. (c) 15th of month. (d) End of month. (e) New series.

commodities was 236, from January 1926 to December 1933, 502, and since January 1934, the number is 567.

(g) Until end of 1927 "Dr. Lorenz."

(h) Prior to 1926, the number of

wool 62·8 per cent, other textiles 48·9 per cent, chemicals and oils 31·8 per cent, miscellaneous commodities 68 per cent.

United States

COST OF LIVING.—The Bureau of Labour Statistics revised indexes of the cost of goods purchased by wage earners and lower salaried workers in large cities is shown in table XXI. This records an increase of only 1·1 per cent between December, 1939, and December, 1940. There was an increase of 2·4 per cent in food prices and a decrease of 2·2 per cent in furniture; other groups showed changes of only a fraction of one per cent.

WHOLESALE PRICES.—In spite of the great increase in industrial activity, the price level remained practically stable throughout the year. The index number of the Bureau of Labour Statistics (Table XXII) was one per cent higher in December, 1940, than in December, 1939. There was a gradual decline amounting to 2·5 per cent between January and August, 1940, which was regained during the last four months of the year. Comparing December, 1940, with December, 1939, farm products were 3·1 per cent higher, textile products 4 per cent lower, building materials 6·8 per cent higher, and other groups showed lesser changes.

TABLE X.—INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING IN GREAT BRITAIN

MINISTRY OF LABOUR
Base: July, 1914=100

	Food	Rent	Clothing	Fuel and light	Other	Cost of living
1915—July.....	132	100	125	125	105	125
1916—July.....	161	.....	160	135	120	145-150
1917—July.....	204	100	205	140-145	140	180
1918—July.....	210	102	320	175-180	180	200-205
1919—July.....	209	106	360	185-190	195	205-210
1920—July.....	258	115-120	425	230	220	252
1921—July.....	220	145	290	260	210	219
1922—July.....	180	153	240	190	195	184
1923—July.....	162	147	220	180-185	185	169
1924—July.....	162	147	225	185	180	170
1925—July.....	167	147	230	180	180	173
1926—July.....	161	150	220	195	180	170
1927—July.....	159	151	210-215	170	180	166
1928—July.....	157	151	220	165	180	165
1929—July.....	149	153	215-220	165-170	180	161
1930—July.....	141	153	210-215	170	175	155
1931—July.....	130	154	195	170	175	147
1932—July.....	125	154	185-190	165-170	170-175	143
1933—July.....	118	156	180-185	165-170	170-175	138
1934—July.....	122	156	185-190	165-170	170-175	141
1935—July.....	126	158	185-190	165-170	170	143
1936—July.....	129	159	190	170-175	170	146
1937—July.....	140	159	205	175	175	155
1938—July.....	146	160	210	185-190	175	159
1939—January.....	138	161	205-210	180-185	175	155
April.....	135	161	205-210	185	170-175	153
July.....	139	162	205-210	180	180	156
October.....	150	162	220-225	185	180-185	165
1940—January.....	157	162	250	200	190	174
February.....	161	162	260	202	190	177
March.....	161	162	265-270	205	193	179
April.....	158	162	270-275	205	193	178
May.....	159	164	280	208	210	180
June.....	158	164	285	212	210	181
July.....	168	164	290	212	210	187
August.....	164	164	290	212	219	185
September.....	166	164	295	212	219	187
October.....	169	164	300	214	219	189
November.....	172	164	305-310	215	220	192
December.....	173	164	320	219	221	195

TABLE XI.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN GREAT BRITAIN

BOARD OF TRADE
Base: 1930=100

—	Cereals	Meat, Fish and Eggs	Other Food and To- bacco	Total Food and To- bacco	Coal	Iron and Steel	Non- ferrous Metals	Cotton	Wool	Other Tex- tiles	Chem- icals and Oils	Mis- cel- laneous	Total Indus- trial Materials and Manu- factures	Total all Ar- ticles
1930—July.....	98.5	97.6	103.1	100.1	96.0	100.1	95.0	101.6	101.9	96.3	100.7	100.0	99.5	99.7
1931—July.....	76.1	80.3	98.5	85.9	99.1	91.1	77.3	78.8	78.4	76.7	88.5	85.1	85.8	85.8
1932—July.....	85.2	73.0	97.0	85.9	98.7	90.8	75.6	73.6	71.3	74.0	88.8	76.8	81.7	83.1
1933—July.....	86.2	72.5	86.3	82.0	97.1	94.9	94.3	84.8	90.1	75.7	90.9	87.4	89.5	86.8
1934—July.....	85.2	73.6	87.9	84.3	98.9	98.9	83.8	89.1	89.1	62.7	86.7	89.0	89.0	87.3
1935—July.....	82.8	77.8	92.2	85.0	99.1	100.3	87.2	86.3	92.6	68.1	89.6	86.1	89.7	83.1
1936—July.....	92.0	81.2	95.2	89.9	105.0	108.1	88.9	92.4	101.1	70.7	93.2	92.3	95.5	93.6
1937—July.....	126.8	87.3	99.5	102.9	125.4	137.6	123.1	101.3	133.4	77.7	100.0	113.3	116.1	111.5
1938—January...	132.5	89.7	99.7	105.0	131.0	141.2	96.2	88.0	107.3	70.8	97.1	104.8	109.0	107.7
1939—January...	108.9	85.2	100.0	97.8	118.5	138.8	93.5	83.5	99.7	69.0	94.7	89.5	101.9	100.6
1939—July.....	93.8	87.1	95.6	92.5	122.6	130.0	96.6	80.0	98.2	69.8	92.6	88.7	99.6	97.2
1940—January...	83.0	84.1	103.3	91.2	117.1	129.3	98.4	81.6	102.3	75.0	93.3	93.7	101.7	98.1
1940—February...	133.8	111.3	122.8	122.3	134.0	142.4	121.9	122.4	135.8	107.3	108.7	126.2	126.7	125.3
1940—March.....	134.9	112.2	129.7	125.7	134.0	150.5	122.2	119.5	138.9	111.0	112.3	126.0	129.4	128.3
1940—April.....	131.1	110.1	128.9	123.7	134.2	151.5	123.0	121.6	161.5	109.5	113.8	125.1	131.4	128.8
1940—May.....	130.6	109.9	124.7	125.7	135.0	152.7	123.0	126.8	162.9	110.5	114.0	137.3	135.4	132.2
1940—June.....	131.6	110.4	140.1	128.2	139.1	152.8	123.7	125.8	162.6	111.7	115.6	138.6	136.4	133.7
1940—July.....	133.0	111.6	143.4	130.3	140.5	152.7	124.2	123.9	162.6	106.6	117.6	139.9	136.4	134.4
1940—August.....	135.0	114.5	150.3	134.4	140.5	163.8	123.8	124.5	159.1	105.7	118.4	154.1	142.3	139.7
1940—September	143.0	116.3	145.6	135.5	140.5	163.3	123.6	126.7	156.5	104.9	119.3	154.4	142.3	140.1
1940—October...	145.8	118.5	152.1	139.6	140.5	163.4	123.0	129.8	157.6	106.2	120.0	140.2	141.6	141.1
1940—November	145.7	120.0	160.2	143.1	140.3	163.5	123.4	127.8	162.2	108.9	121.2	149.4	142.3	142.7
1940—December	146.3	120.5	159.6	143.2	151.4	179.0	123.4	127.1	165.2	109.6	122.3	155.5	148.6	146.9
1940—December	147.5	120.7	162.1	144.5	152.3	179.5	123.3	128.2	167.0	110.3	122.6	161.4	150.4	148.6

TABLE XII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING IN EIRE

IRISH TRADE JOURNAL AND STATISTICAL BULLETIN

Base: July, 1914=100

—	Food	Clothing	Rent	Fuel and Light	All Items
1931—February.....	151	206			164
1931—May.....	139	202	131		156
1931—August.....	143	196			157
1931—November.....	155	198	132		165
1932—February.....	151	197			162
1932—May.....	144	201	132		159
1932—August.....	134	205			153
1932—November.....	135	206	132		155
1933—February.....	130	203			151
1933—May.....	126	203	132		148
1933—August.....	129	200			149
1933—November.....	140	200	131		156
1934—February.....	133	202			152
1934—May.....	129	200	131		149
1934—August.....	134	201			152
1934—November.....	143	200	131		157
1935—February.....	136	199			153
1935—May.....	132	198			151
1935—August.....	140	200			156
1935—November.....	150	200	130		162
1936—February.....	145	201			159
1936—May.....	141	202			157
1936—August.....	145	203			159
1936—November.....	155	204	131		166
1937—February.....	153	212			167
1937—May.....	152	219		176	167
1937—August.....	154	222		176	170
1937—November.....	165	226	128		177
1938—February.....	159	226		183	173
1938—May.....	156	226		179	171
1938—August.....	159	226		179	173
1938—November.....	163	225	129	184	176
1939—February.....	160	225		184	174
1939—May.....	157	225		180	172
1939—August.....	158	225		180	173
1939—November.....	178	246	129	207	192
1940—February.....	177	270		217	197
1940—May.....	180	289		236	204
1940—August.....	182				206
1940—November.....	194		131		214

TABLE XIII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES IN SOUTH AFRICA

CENSUS AND STATISTICS OFFICE
Base: Union average, 9 towns, 1938=1000

	Food only	Food, fuel, light, rent and sundries
1914.....	930	814
1915.....	995	855
1916.....	1033	908
1917.....	1149	996
1918.....	1165	1064
1919.....	1263	1177
1920.....	1680	1458
1921.....	1350	1320
1922.....	1105	1101
1924.....	1118	1083
1927.....	1102	1069
1929.....	1072	1066
1930.....	1024	1033
1933.....	917	932
1934.....	964	945
1935.....	947	940
1936.....	942	943
1937.....	954	965
1938.....	1000	1000
1939—January.....	982	995
April.....	1016	1006
July.....	987	996
October.....	982	995
1940—January.....	1000	1012
February.....	1008	1019
March.....	1015	1024
April.....	1024	1029
May.....	1036	1035
June.....	1033	1037
July.....	1026	1036
August.....	1022	1035
September.....	1026	1041
October.....	1049	1050
November.....	1033	1045

TABLE XIV.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN SOUTH AFRICA

CENSUS AND STATISTICS OFFICE
Base: 1910=1000

	Metals	Jute, Leather Hides, etc.	Grains, Meals, etc.	Dairy Pro- ducts	Grocer- ies	Meat	Build- ing ma- terials	Chem- icals	Fuel and Light	Soft Goods	Miscel- laneous	All Groups
1914.....	1221	1366	1108	1060	954	1266	1087	1018	928	1113	1052	1090
1915.....	1696	1511	1199	1135	1035	1301	1195	1278	990	1362	1275	1204
1916.....	2292	1739	1342	1168	1127	1383	1401	1561	1148	1765	1669	1379
1917.....	3245	2054	1449	1222	1212	1520	1753	1872	1349	2297	2178	1583
1918.....	3898	2265	1471	1283	1272	1650	2074	1833	1470	2900	2572	1723
1919.....	3198	2332	1706	1600	1403	1723	2084	1424	1510	2355	2475	1854
1920.....	3339	2705	2693	2023	1901	2116	2445	1271	1658	4418	3174	2512
1921.....	2607	1649	1472	1589	1728	1638	2082	1261	1743	3324	2899	1805
1922.....	1651	1411	1262	1209	1322	1362	1630	1178	1454	2361	2029	1445
1924.....	1517	1568	1403	1366	1386	1365	1380	984	1244	2196	1720	1448
1927.....	1264	1731	1476	1339	1285	1268	1282	992	1196	1869	1674	1397
1929.....	1122	1624	1312	1327	1235	1261	1234	823	1075	1858	1659	1305
1930.....	1135	1357	1023	1086	1149	1089	1233	801	1032	1783	1642	1155
1933.....	1041	1002	1012	974	1053	960	1107	745	953	1354	1560	1047
1934.....	1056	1013	1218	1087	1021	1221	1126	738	902	1398	1517	1143
1935.....	1052	1042	1023	898	1001	1158	1132	729	932	1392	1519	1066
1936.....	1081	1048	1188	935	979	1137	1116	719	934	1337	1503	1109
1937.....	1360	1145	1140	945	1008	1206	1193	827	911	1416	1551	1136
1938.....	1393	1023	1226	1022	984	1308	1195	833	921	1406	1574	1174
1939—January.....	1340	1001	1177	1005	975	1307	1171	748	918	1382	1547	1145
April.....	1338	1034	1140	1003	967	1251	1168	736	911	1393	1532	1126
July.....	1323	1056	1128	1019	969	1249	1181	735	907	1390	1530	1123
October.....	1446	1247	1157	1021	1001	1312	1271	747	923	1469	1633	1172
1940—January.....	1661	1642	1174	1012	1034	1278	1396	814	992	1623	1761	1230
February.....	1695	1602	1176	1014	1038	1268	1434	836	996	1653	1805	1238
March.....	1732	1563	1174	1022	1035	1300	1459	839	1007	1674	1855	1248
April.....	1750	1499	1189	1024	1036	1309	1495	849	1008	1688	1881	1258
May.....	1775	1520	1190	1023	1037	1292	1512	876	1009	1737	1914	1266
June.....	1805	1453	1176	1022	1037	1292	1526	888	1009	1755	1959	1266
July.....	1828	1322	1173	1063	1040	1296	1547	904	1011	1758	1964	1269
August.....	1850	1272	1182	1063	1037	1308	1553	912	1005	1767	1984	1273
September.....	1856	1243	1209	1060	1042	1312	1558	915	1036	1770	2011	1287
October.....	1868	1240	1268	1059	1051	1336	1560	916	1035	1780	2024	1312

TABLE XV.—INDEX NUMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURES IN AUSTRALIA (30 TOWNS)

COMMONWEALTH STATISTICIAN

Base: Weighted average of 6 capital cities, 1923-1927=1000

	Food and Groceries	Housing (4 and 5 rooms)	Food, Groceries and Housing Combined	Clothing	Miscel- laneous	Total Household Expendi- ture
1921.....	954	823	807	1290	1009	1013
1926.....	1027	992	1015	993	990	1006
1927.....	1004	998	1002	982	1000	997
1928.....	989	1032	1004	1002	1001	1003
1929.....	1047	1037	1044	999	998	1026
1930—1st quarter.....	985	1052	1009	982	996	1001
1931—1st ".....	864	928	887	886	973	901
1932—1st ".....	823	811	819	826	955	844
1933—1st ".....	741	790	757	799	944	799
1934—1st ".....	770	790	777	797	940	809
1935—1st ".....	798	818	805	785	945	824
3rd ".....	819	832	824	793	939	836
1936—1st ".....	812	852	826	795	936	838
3rd ".....	835	873	848	794	958	841
1937—1st ".....	849	885	861	798	955	862
3rd ".....	857	902	872	814	962	874
1938—1st ".....	865	914	882	826	963	882
2nd ".....	883	922	896	831	961	891
3rd ".....	907	929	914	831	961	902
4th ".....	904	936	914	832	961	902
1939—1st ".....	939	941	938	832	960	916
2nd ".....	929	946	934	836	960	915
3rd ".....	.....	.....	932	.....	.....	914
4th ".....	.....	.....	936	.....	.....	923
1940—1st ".....	.....	.....	931	.....	.....	927
2nd ".....	.....	.....	948	.....	.....	951
3rd ".....	.....	.....	944	.....	.....	956

TABLE XVI.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN AUSTRALIA (MELBOURNE)

COMMONWEALTH STATISTICIAN

Base: 1911=1000

	Metals and Coal	Wool, Cotton, Leather, etc.	Agricul- tural Produce, etc.	Dairy Produce	Groceries	Meat	Building Materials	Chem- icals	All Groups
1914.....	1099	1032	1207	1137	1021	1507	1081	1253	1149
1915.....	1284	1017	2162	1530	1133	2435	1275	1528	1604
1916.....	1695	1423	1208	1485	1322	2515	1491	1760	1504
1917.....	2129	2008	1157	1423	1343	2403	1884	2171	1662
1918.....	2416	2360	1444	1454	1422	2385	2686	3225	1934
1919.....	2125	2363	1985	1651	1516	2348	2851	2898	2055
1920.....	2293	2624	2439	2209	1918	3279	3226	2825	2480
1921.....	2173	1362	1767	2000	1976	2158	2733	2303	1903
1922.....	1942	1681	1628	1648	1869	1787	2005	1965	1758
1923.....	1826	2148	1778	1837	1746	2579	2025	1933	1944
1924.....	1835	2418	1647	1655	1721	2223	1815	1806	1885
1925.....	1852	1967	1797	1636	1723	2212	1711	1790	1844
1926.....	1938	1582	2001	1784	1731	1931	1665	1816	1832
1927.....	1962	1650	1826	1823	1724	2111	1624	1866	1817
1928.....	1912	1781	1726	1751	1707	2015	1744	1923	1792
1929.....	1912	1556	1792	1853	1690	2246	1754	1942	1803
1930.....	1866	1127	1484	1627	1666	2025	1875	1982	1596
1931.....	1826	1039	1121	1399	1794	1508	2025	2166	1428
1932.....	1736	1000	1230	1303	1767	1348	2043	2127	1411
1933.....	1713	1118	1175	1195	1714	1487	2061	2106	1409
1934.....	1660	1261	1288	1274	1735	1540	2015	2018	1471
1935.....	1602	1217	1344	1325	1729	1508	1964	1996	1469
1936.....	1566	1331	1480	1351	1731	1684	1969	1997	1543
1937.....	1772	1406	1604	1451	1750	1678	2430	2006	1656
1938—January.....	1762	1097	1579	1515	1751	1663	2369	2049	1596
July.....	1744	1054	1945	1568	1746	2084	2180	2063	1726
1939—January.....	1759	1055	2003	1561	1746	1576	2137	2063	1690
July.....	1748	1015	1763	1552	1748	1576	2107	2083	1613
1940—January.....	1821	1417	1478	1541	1793	1709	2442	2094	1649
February.....	1827	1389	1454	1568	1792	1794	2604	2094	1658
March.....	1836	1389	1486	1575	1786	1868	2711	2165	1681
April.....	1866	1375	1537	1616	1783	1898	2711	2165	1704
May.....	1839	1377	1510	1640	1776	2008	2711	2275	1706
June.....	1857	1360	1508	1628	1773	1916	2859	2275	1702
July.....	1857	1381	1513	1559	1740	1903	2950	2350	1699
August.....	1857	1375	1555	1546	1736	2027	3138	2350	1731
September.....	1857	1392	1657	1536	1770	1997	3138	2350	1764

TABLE XVII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING, NEW ZEALAND

CENSUS AND STATISTICS OFFICE

Base: 1926-1930=1000

	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing, Drapery, and Footwear	Miscellaneous	Total
1914—July.....	703	535	585	686	601	628
1915—12 Months.....	803	538	593	746	646	676
1916.....	857	541	637	871	712	724
1917.....	920	553	728	1031	794	786
1918.....	955	566	782	1216	898	850
1919.....	1027	581	852	1476	975	912
1920.....	1165	613	1013	1653	1131	1019
1921.....	1134	680	1131	1509	1153	1034
1922.....	958	724	1045	1274	1103	952
1923.....	965	792	998	1173	1055	959
1924.....	1005	859	985	1139	1033	984
1925.....	1030	912	993	1111	1015	1004
1926.....	1026	962	1002	1060	1013	1010
1927.....	953	1000	1005	1017	1033	1001
1928.....	1004	1014	1011	995	1002	1006
1929.....	1013	1019	992	980	986	1004
1930.....	974	1007	991	947	986	981
1931.....	845	953	987	869	986	906
1932.....	775	844	958	814	973	838
1933.....	732	766	890	816	976	795
1934.....	774	758	841	832	973	808
1935.....	835	774	865	828	980	837
1936.....	870	804	887	837	993	864
1937.....	956	828	924	915	1050	923
1938.....	991	858	964	936	1054	951
1939—February.....	1018	874	990	940	1067	969
May.....	1039	884	990	956	1074	983
August.....	1060	893	991	967	1081	995
November.....	1126	893	991	976	1124	1024
1940—January.....	1073	.....	993	.....	.....	1008
February.....	1064	903	994	1003	1139	1013
March.....	1060	.....	998	.....	.....	1012
April.....	1073	.....	1004	.....	.....	1017
May.....	1078	913	1005	1031	1162	1029
June.....	1071	.....	1006	.....	.....	1026
July.....	1074	.....	1007	.....	.....	1027
August.....	1070	922	1008	1097	1185	1042
September.....	1095	.....	1010	.....	.....	1050
October.....	1087	.....	1010	.....	.....	1048
November.....	1087	.....	1010	1119	1196	1052

TABLE XVIII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN NEW ZEALAND

CENSUS AND STATISTICS OFFICE

Base: Average annual aggregate expenditure, four chief centres, 1926-1930=1000

	Food-stuffs, etc., of vegetable origin	Textile Manufactures	Wood and Wood Products	Animal Products	Metals and their Products	Non-metallic Minerals and their Products	Chemicals and Manures	All Groups Combined
1914.....	634	535	582	843	919	821	954	748
1928.....	1009	998	977	1023	971	974	981	994
1929.....	991	969	989	1024	963	998	968	988
1930.....	965	915	1003	957	973	990	957	963
1931.....	938	837	952	769	975	977	888	902
1932.....	961	791	907	672	964	1002	828	878
1933.....	954	787	924	696	1062	1031	836	904
1934.....	956	781	935	736	1063	1009	846	909
1935.....	1018	780	954	807	1056	1028	840	937
1936.....	979	769	997	869	1069	1050	826	946
1937.....	1036	810	1082	924	1249	1106	833	1021
1938.....	1011	806	1150	973	1296	1094	840	1036
1939—January.....	1043	802	1176	1000	1278	1104	856	1047
July.....	1130	817	1183	997	1269	1101	861	1065
October.....	1218	818	1188	454	1283	1182	865	1090
November.....	1282	828	1190	965	1289	1202	876	1111
December.....	1228	828	1191	1015	1305	1220	866	1115
1940—January.....	1163	863	1193	1053	1331	1218	866	1120
February.....	1144	880	1195	1086	1362	1231	895	1135
March.....	1150	907	1195	1073	1420	1256	900	1155
April.....	1159	912	1196	1106	1481	1266	901	1175
May.....	1163	921	1212	1119	1510	1255	906	1185
June.....	1162	922	1210	1105	1543	1265	917	1190
July.....	1172	945	1221	1097	1590	1265	931	1205
August.....	1200	977	1242	1062	1668	1267	937	1225
September.....	1195	1017	1249	1067	1685	1276	940	1236
October.....	1208	1093	1249	1053	1698	1289	940	1253
November.....	1217	1099	1257	1059	1710	1279	940	1258

TABLE XIX.—COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBERS IN INDIA (BOMBAY)

Base: July 1933 to June 1934=100

	Food	Fuel and Lighting	Clothing	House rent	Miscel- laneous	Cost of Living
1935—January.....	101	106	90	100	93	99
April.....	99	103	90	100	96	98
July.....	105	105	86	100	98	101
October.....	104	103	86	100	97	101
1936—January.....	108	102	85	100	98	103
April.....	105	96	85	100	96	100
July.....	107	98	84	100	96	101
October.....	107	101	83	100	96	102
1937—January.....	110	101	83	100	98	104
April.....	112	110	83	100	97	105
July.....	115	110	84	100	98	107
October.....	118	106	86	100	97	108
1938—January.....	116	107	86	100	97	107
April.....	112	106	86	100	96	105
July.....	115	106	85	100	96	106
October.....	114	105	85	100	94	105
1939—January.....	112	105	85	100	96	105
April.....	110	98	85	100	94	103
July.....	114	100	85	100	96	105
October.....	119	98	88	100	98	108
November.....	119	100	89	100	98	109
December.....	126	100	91	100	99	113
1940—January.....	128	100	92	100	99	114
February.....	124	101	94	100	98	112
March.....	121	101	94	100	97	110
April.....	121	101	91	100	98	110
May.....	122	101	91	100	99	111
June.....	124	101	90	100	96	111
July.....	127	103	90	100	96	113
August.....	129	103	90	100	96	114

TABLE XX.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN INDIA (BOMBAY)

LABOUR OFFICE, BOMBAY
Base: July, 1914=100

	Cereals	Pulses	Sugar	Other Food	Total Food	Oil Seeds	Raw Cotton	Cotton Manufactures	Other Textiles	Hides and Skins	Metals	Other Raw and Manufactured Articles	Total Non-Food	General Average
1920—July.....	151	145	452	181	216	171	144	318	174	164	288	194	220	221
1921—July.....	186	152	234	185	191	170	137	270	184	156	244	198	206	200
1922—July.....	170	134	220	228	188	151	196	255	192	142	177	189	192	190
1923—July.....	127	90	215	317	178	132	217	211	196	139	182	169	178	178
1924—July.....	143	98	211	260	174	150	265	232	187	150	166	166	189	184
1925—July.....	141	102	159	184	148	140	182	208	144	139	153	155	163	158
1926—July.....	146	128	144	148	143	140	144	180	130	147	150	148	152	149
1927—July.....	139	129	130	162	141	143	154	163	142	139	136	159	149	147
1928—July.....	130	124	129	196	143	131	169	172	123	146	137	140	144	147
1929—July.....	152	141	140	171	153	147	126	168	103	157	135	133	142	145
1930—July.....	117	115	125	144	124	102	75	154	95	143	126	131	123	124
1931—July.....	71	78	106	136	91	84	74	143	84	146	112	142	117	108
1932—July.....	85	90	116	162	106	73	75	109	95	132	108	152	105	106
1933—July.....	78	72	102	146	100	69	90	110	77	99	108	118	99	100
1934—July.....	78	72	102	141	94	64	86	100	73	99	109	117	96	99
1935—July.....	85	77	106	148	100	98	96	97	76	99	105	116	99	100
1936—July.....	81	72	101	121	92	100	98	95	73	99	107	110	100	97
1937—July.....	95	87	111	141	106	100	90	96	82	99	139	120	107	106
1938—July.....	80	57	127	149	101	95	65	95	79	99	133	124	100	100
1939—July.....	81	56	130	147	103	94	67	88	79	99	134	120	99	100
October.....	95	108	158	164	121	98	76	92	83	99	227	129	122	121
November.....	117	121	171	183	139	108	86	97	83	99	257	128	137	135
December.....	111	111	159	177	132	109	102	117	88	99	221	128	130	128
1940—January.....	105	105	143	167	124	107	103	114	83	99	208	131	128	124
February.....	107	103	137	156	121	101	100	111	83	99	188	132	121	119
March.....	100	98	130	150	115	104	98	105	83	99	198	134	124	121
April.....	102	100	134	146	116	107	98	104	83	99	200	134	121	118
May.....	94	94	136	147	111	103	88	104	83	99	191	134	115	114
June.....	98	93	136	143	112	98	70	100	83	99	192	135	118	115
July.....	103	91	134	144	115	100	72	98	83	99	180	135	113	112
August.....	96	91	136	137	110	97	75	94	83	99	180	135	113	112

TABLE XXI.—INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES

BUREAU OF LABOUR STATISTICS

Cost of Goods Purchased by Wage Earners and Lower Salaried Workers in Large Cities
[1935-39=100]

Period	Food	Clothing	Rent	Fuel, elec- tricity, and ice	House- furnish- ings	Miscel- laneous	Total
1913—Average.....	79.9	69.3	92.2	61.9	59.1	50.9	70.7
1914—December.....	83.9	70.0	92.2	62.5	61.5	52.4	72.6
1915—December.....	83.9	72.6	93.6	62.5	65.4	54.6	74.0
1916—December.....	100.6	83.2	94.3	67.1	75.5	57.6	82.4
1917—December.....	125.4	103.3	92.3	76.8	89.0	71.5	97.8
1918—December.....	149.6	147.9	97.1	90.4	121.2	83.1	118.0
1919—June.....	148.5	160.1	101.0	89.3	128.8	85.5	121.0
December.....	160.0	198.4	109.6	94.8	152.3	94.3	135.3
1920—June.....	185.0	209.7	119.1	104.8	169.7	100.7	149.4
December.....	146.4	187.8	131.4	119.0	164.4	104.7	138.3
1921—May.....	121.2	161.5	139.2	112.9	141.6	104.7	126.6
September.....	129.2	139.5	140.0	112.7	127.8	104.0	125.3
December.....	126.1	133.4	142.3	113.8	124.4	103.5	123.6
1922—March.....	118.3	127.3	142.0	110.5	117.7	101.8	119.3
June.....	121.0	124.9	142.5	110.0	115.5	100.9	119.5
September.....	118.1	123.5	142.8	115.8	115.7	100.7	118.7
December.....	122.4	123.6	143.8	117.3	119.3	100.4	120.4
1923—March.....	119.7	125.4	144.5	116.5	124.7	100.5	120.2
June.....	123.7	125.7	146.0	113.2	127.4	100.5	121.6
September.....	126.6	126.7	147.4	114.5	127.5	101.1	123.1
December.....	126.0	126.7	149.6	116.0	127.4	101.5	123.5
1924—March.....	121.3	126.3	150.4	114.7	126.5	101.2	122.0
June.....	121.5	125.1	152.0	112.0	123.1	101.3	121.8
September.....	123.1	123.8	152.2	113.5	122.1	101.3	122.2
December.....	125.9	123.0	152.6	114.2	122.7	101.7	123.2
1925—June.....	131.9	122.6	152.2	112.4	121.8	102.3	124.9
December.....	140.6	121.8	152.0	121.3	121.1	102.6	128.2
1926—June.....	137.8	120.7	150.6	114.7	118.6	102.5	126.4
December.....	136.8	119.6	150.0	118.6	117.3	102.8	126.1
1927—June.....	137.5	118.5	148.4	114.1	115.7	103.1	125.7
December.....	132.5	116.9	146.9	115.4	115.2	103.6	123.8
1928—June.....	129.7	116.7	144.8	112.0	112.8	103.6	122.1
December.....	130.6	116.0	143.3	114.3	112.1	104.3	122.4
1929—June.....	131.3	115.4	141.4	111.1	111.7	104.5	122.1
December.....	133.8	114.7	139.9	113.6	111.3	104.9	122.8
1930—June.....	128.1	113.8	138.0	109.9	109.9	105.2	120.3
December.....	116.5	109.4	135.1	112.4	105.4	104.9	115.3
1931—June.....	102.1	103.5	130.9	107.3	98.1	104.3	108.2
December.....	96.5	96.3	125.8	109.1	92.6	103.3	104.2
1932—June.....	85.7	91.1	117.8	101.6	84.8	101.8	97.4
December.....	82.0	86.2	109.0	102.5	81.3	100.2	93.5
1933—June.....	82.2	84.8	100.1	97.2	81.5	97.8	90.8
December.....	88.1	94.4	95.8	102.9	91.1	98.1	93.9
1934—June.....	93.0	96.6	94.0	100.3	92.9	97.9	95.3
November 15.....	95.4	96.5	93.9	101.8	93.6	97.8	96.2
1935—March 15.....	99.7	96.8	93.8	102.1	94.2	98.1	97.8
July 15.....	99.4	96.7	94.1	99.0	94.5	98.2	97.6
October 15.....	100.0	96.9	94.6	100.5	95.7	97.9	98.0
1936—January 15.....	101.5	97.3	95.1	100.8	95.8	98.2	98.8
April 15.....	98.4	97.4	95.5	100.8	95.7	98.4	97.8
July 15.....	102.6	97.2	96.5	99.1	95.9	98.7	99.4
September 15.....	104.8	97.5	97.1	99.9	96.6	99.0	100.4
December 15.....	101.6	99.0	98.1	100.5	97.9	99.1	99.8
1937—March 15.....	105.0	100.9	98.9	100.8	102.6	100.2	101.8
June 15.....	106.0	102.5	101.0	99.2	104.3	100.9	102.8
September 15.....	107.9	105.1	102.1	100.0	106.7	101.7	104.3
December 15.....	102.7	104.8	103.7	100.7	107.0	102.0	103.0
1938—March 15.....	97.5	102.9	103.9	101.2	104.7	101.6	100.9
June 15.....	98.2	102.2	104.2	98.6	103.1	101.8	100.9
September 15.....	98.1	101.4	104.2	99.3	101.9	101.6	100.7
December 15.....	97.2	100.9	104.3	100.0	101.7	101.0	100.2
1939—March 15.....	94.6	100.4	104.3	100.1	100.9	100.5	99.1
June 15.....	93.6	100.3	104.3	97.5	100.6	100.4	98.6
September 15.....	98.4	100.3	104.4	98.6	101.1	101.1	100.6
December 15.....	94.9	101.3	104.4	99.9	102.7	100.9	99.6
1940—March 15.....	95.6	102.0	104.5	100.6	100.5	100.8	99.8
June 15.....	98.3	101.7	104.6	98.6	100.1	100.6	100.5
September 15.....	97.2	101.6	104.7	99.3	100.3	101.4	100.4
October 15.....	96.2	101.6	104.7	99.9	100.4	101.6	100.2
November 15.....	95.9	101.6	104.7	100.3	100.6	101.7	100.1
December 15.....	97.2	101.6	104.9	100.7	100.4	101.8	100.7

TABLE XXII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN THE UNITED STATES

BUREAU OF LABOUR STATISTICS

Base: 1926=100

	Farm products	Foods	Hides and leather products	Textile products	Fuel and light- ing	Metals and metal products	Build- ing mate- rials	Chem- icals and drugs	House fur- nishing goods	Miscel- laneous	All com- modities
1913.....	71.5	64.2	68.1	57.3	61.3	90.8	56.7	80.2	56.3	93.1	69.8
1914.....	71.2	64.7	70.9	54.6	56.6	80.2	52.7	81.4	56.8	89.9	68.1
1915.....	71.5	65.4	75.5	54.1	51.8	86.3	53.5	112.0	56.0	86.9	69.5
1916.....	84.4	75.7	93.4	70.4	74.3	116.5	67.6	160.7	61.4	100.6	85.5
1917.....	129.0	104.5	123.8	98.7	105.4	150.6	88.2	165.0	74.2	122.1	117.5
1918.....	148.0	119.1	125.7	137.2	109.2	136.5	98.6	182.3	93.3	134.4	131.3
1919.....	157.6	129.5	174.1	135.3	104.3	130.9	115.6	157.0	105.9	139.1	138.6
1920.....	150.7	137.4	171.3	164.8	163.7	149.4	150.1	164.7	141.8	167.5	154.4
1921.....	88.4	90.6	109.2	94.5	96.8	117.5	97.4	115.0	113.0	109.2	97.6
1922.....	93.8	87.6	104.6	100.2	107.3	102.9	97.3	100.3	103.5	92.8	96.7
1923.....	98.6	92.7	104.2	111.3	97.3	109.3	108.7	101.1	108.9	99.7	100.6
1924.....	100.0	91.0	101.5	106.7	92.0	106.3	102.3	98.9	104.9	93.6	98.1
1925.....	109.8	100.2	105.3	103.3	96.5	103.2	101.7	101.8	103.1	109.0	103.5
1926.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1926—January.....	107.4	102.6	103.3	106.3	98.7	99.9	102.3	101.6	101.4	116.8	103.6
July.....	98.6	93.8	99.0	98.5	99.5	100.7	99.4	100.4	99.9	97.5	99.5
1927—January.....	96.5	96.9	101.0	94.3	97.7	98.8	97.5	97.6	97.9	90.3	96.6
July.....	97.6	93.9	111.7	94.3	84.2	97.7	93.7	95.3	98.0	89.3	94.1
1928—January.....	106.1	98.5	121.0	96.7	80.8	98.1	90.8	96.3	98.6	89.0	96.3
July.....	107.1	102.3	124.2	96.8	82.8	98.6	94.4	94.5	96.9	80.8	98.3
1929—January.....	105.9	98.8	113.6	96.4	82.5	103.6	96.6	95.9	96.6	80.5	97.2
July.....	107.6	102.8	109.2	92.8	82.0	105.0	96.7	93.4	97.2	81.3	98.0
1930—January.....	101.0	97.2	105.1	89.4	79.9	101.2	96.2	93.0	97.3	78.7	93.4
July.....	83.1	86.3	100.7	80.0	75.4	94.3	88.9	87.8	96.2	71.7	84.0
1931—January.....	73.1	80.7	88.7	71.3	73.3	86.9	83.8	84.5	88.3	72.2	78.2
July.....	64.9	74.0	89.4	66.5	62.9	84.3	78.1	78.9	85.7	69.7	72.0
1932—January.....	52.8	64.7	79.3	59.6	67.9	81.8	74.8	75.7	77.7	65.6	67.3
July.....	47.9	60.9	68.6	51.5	72.3	79.2	69.7	73.0	74.0	64.3	64.5
1933—January.....	42.6	55.8	68.9	51.9	66.0	78.2	70.1	71.6	72.9	61.2	61.0
July.....	60.1	65.5	86.3	63.0	65.3	80.6	79.5	73.2	74.8	64.0	68.9
1934—January.....	58.7	64.3	89.5	76.5	73.1	85.5	86.3	74.4	80.8	67.5	72.8
July.....	64.5	70.6	86.3	71.5	73.9	86.8	87.0	75.4	81.6	69.9	74.2
1935—January.....	77.6	79.9	86.2	70.3	72.9	85.8	84.9	79.3	81.2	70.7	78.8
July.....	77.1	82.1	89.3	70.2	74.7	86.4	85.2	78.7	80.4	67.7	79.4
1936—January.....	73.2	83.5	97.1	71.7	75.1	86.7	85.7	80.5	81.4	67.8	80.6
July.....	81.3	81.4	93.4	70.5	76.2	86.9	86.7	79.4	81.2	71.0	80.5
1937—January.....	91.3	87.1	101.7	77.5	76.6	90.9	91.3	87.7	86.5	76.2	85.9
April.....	92.2	85.5	106.3	79.5	76.8	96.5	96.7	86.9	89.0	81.1	88.0
July.....	89.3	86.2	106.7	78.3	78.1	96.1	96.7	83.9	89.7	79.0	87.9
October.....	80.4	85.5	106.7	73.5	78.5	96.4	95.4	81.2	91.0	76.2	85.4
1938—January.....	71.6	76.3	96.7	69.7	78.3	96.6	91.8	79.6	88.3	75.2	80.9
April.....	63.4	72.3	92.1	67.2	76.8	96.3	91.2	77.5	87.3	73.4	78.7
July.....	69.4	74.3	91.5	66.1	76.8	95.2	89.2	77.7	86.4	72.9	78.8
October.....	66.8	73.5	93.4	66.2	75.4	95.3	89.8	77.1	85.7	72.6	77.6
1939—January.....	67.2	71.5	93.1	65.9	72.8	94.4	89.5	76.7	85.4	73.2	76.9
February.....	67.2	71.5	91.9	66.1	73.0	94.3	89.6	76.3	85.2	73.5	76.9
March.....	65.8	70.2	91.8	66.6	73.1	94.3	89.8	76.5	85.2	74.1	76.7
April.....	63.7	68.6	90.9	66.9	73.9	94.0	89.6	76.0	85.4	74.4	76.2
May.....	63.7	68.2	91.6	67.5	73.4	93.5	89.5	75.9	85.5	74.2	76.2
June.....	62.4	67.6	92.3	67.3	73.0	93.2	89.5	75.7	85.6	73.8	75.6
July.....	62.6	67.5	92.5	67.6	72.8	93.2	89.7	75.0	85.6	73.4	75.4
August.....	61.0	67.2	92.7	67.8	72.6	94.2	89.6	74.6	85.6	73.3	75.0
September.....	65.7	75.1	98.5	71.7	72.8	92.8	90.9	77.3	86.6	76.6	79.1
October.....	67.1	73.3	104.6	75.5	73.9	95.8	92.8	78.1	87.3	77.6	79.4
November.....	67.3	72.3	104.0	76.4	74.1	96.0	93.0	78.0	88.4	77.0	79.2
December.....	67.6	71.9	103.7	78.0	72.8	96.0	93.0	78.1	88.5	77.4	79.2
1940—January.....	69.1	71.7	103.6	77.9	72.7	95.8	93.4	78.1	87.9	77.7	79.4
February.....	63.7	71.1	102.4	75.4	72.4	95.3	93.2	78.1	88.2	77.3	78.7
March.....	67.9	70.2	101.8	74.0	72.2	95.5	93.3	77.0	88.0	76.9	78.4
April.....	69.4	71.6	101.8	72.9	71.8	94.5	92.5	76.8	88.4	77.7	78.6
May.....	67.9	71.4	101.3	72.9	71.7	94.5	92.5	76.8	88.5	77.7	78.4
June.....	66.2	70.3	99.2	72.4	71.4	94.7	92.4	76.1	88.5	77.3	77.7
July.....	66.5	70.3	99.0	72.6	71.1	95.1	92.7	77.0	88.5	77.7	77.7
August.....	65.6	70.1	96.9	72.3	71.1	94.9	93.5	76.7	88.5	76.7	77.4
September.....	66.2	71.5	98.3	72.5	71.0	95.4	92.5	76.8	88.5	76.5	78.0
October.....	66.4	71.1	100.4	73.6	71.6	97.3	97.8	76.9	88.6	76.9	78.7
November.....	68.2	72.5	102.3	74.5	71.9	97.6	98.9	77.5	88.6	77.5	79.6
December.....	69.7	73.5	102.3	74.8	71.7	97.6	99.3	77.7	88.9	77.3	80.0

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